

For calendar year 2009, or tax year beginning 07/01, 2009, and ending 06/30, 2010

G Check all that apply: Initial return, Amended return, Initial return of a former public charity, Address change, Final return, Name change

Name of foundation: BENTSON FOUNDATION, Employer identification number: 41-6020204, Telephone number: (952) 844-2600, Address: 3600 MINNESOTA DRIVE, EDINA, MN 55435

H Check type of organization: Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation, Accounting method: Cash, Fair market value of all assets at end of year: \$ 1,140,191

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 page 11 of the instructions).)

Table with 4 columns: (a) Revenue and expenses per books, (b) Net investment income, (c) Adjusted net income, (d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only). Rows include contributions, interest, dividends, rents, sales, capital gain, other income, compensation, professional fees, interest, taxes, depreciation, occupancy, travel, printing, other expenses, and total operating and administrative expenses.

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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	16,867.	1,524.	1,524.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	112,806.	47,080.	47,080.
	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 page 16 of the instructions)			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule)			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10 a Investments - U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b Investments - corporate stock (attach schedule) ATCH 9	788,609.	910,185.	1,091,587.
	c Investments - corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment, basis			
Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)				
12 Investments - mortgage loans				
13 Investments - other (attach schedule)				
14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis				
Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)				
15 Other assets (describe)				
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	918,282.	958,789.	1,140,191.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22 Other liabilities (describe)			
23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)				
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund			
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	918,282.	958,789.	
30 Total net assets or fund balances (see page 17 of the instructions)	918,282.	958,789.		
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see page 17 of the instructions)	918,282.	958,789.		

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	918,282.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	40,507.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize)	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	958,789.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize)	5	
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	958,789.

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 PART IV SCHEDULE			
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			(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				
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	22,927.
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 pages 13 and 17 of the 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 page 18 of 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))
2008	54,409.	997,066.	0.054569
2007	32,374.	1,355,759.	0.023879
2006	38,005.	1,434,787.	0.026488
2005	125,256.	1,330,640.	0.094132
2004	24,505.	1,337,020.	0.018328
2	Total of line 1, column (d)		2 0.217396
3	Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years		3 0.043479
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2009 from Part X, line 5		4 1,138,318.
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3		5 49,493.
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)		6 406.
7	Add lines 5 and 6		7 49,899.
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 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 on page 18.		8 7,860.

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see page 18 of the instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of ruling letter if necessary - see instructions)	1	812.
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		
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	
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	812.
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	812.
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2009 estimated tax payments and 2008 overpayment credited to 2009	6a	929.
b	Exempt foreign organizations-tax withheld at source	6b	0.
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	0.
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d	7	929.
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax Check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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	
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	117.
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2010 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> 117. Refunded <input type="checkbox"/>	11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

		Yes	No
1a	During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
1b	Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see page 19 of the 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		X
1c	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 ▶ \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers ▶ \$ _____		
e	Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ▶ \$ _____		
2	Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities		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
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
4b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
5	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T		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	
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see page 19 of the instructions) ▶ MN,		
8b	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	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 2009 or the taxable year beginning in 2009 (see instructions for Part XIV on page 27)? 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		X

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see page 20 of the instructions) 11 X
12 Did the foundation acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract before August 17, 2008? 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 JUDY JOHNSON Telephone no. 952-844-2600
Located at 3600 MINNESOTA DRIVE, SUITE 700, EDINA MN ZIP + 4 55435
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

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

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

1a During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? Yes No X
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? Yes No X
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? Yes No X
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? Yes No X
(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 X
(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 X
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 page 20 of the instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here
c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2009?
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 2009, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2009? Yes No X
If "Yes," list the years
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 page 20 of the instructions)
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here.
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 X
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2009 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 2009.)
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2009?

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 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)? (see page 22 of the 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 page 22 of the instructions)? Yes No
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? Yes No
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? Yes No

5b		
6b		X
7b		

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see page 22 of the 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
ATTACHMENT 10		-0-	-0-	-0-

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 - see page 23 of the instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

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

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

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 page 23 of the instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services **NONE**

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 page 23 of the 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 page 24 of the instructions. 3 NONE	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see page 24 of the 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	1,031,111.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	124,542.
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see page 24 of the instructions)	1c	0.
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	1,155,653.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	1,155,653.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2 % of line 3 (for greater amount, see page 25 of the instructions)	4	17,335.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	1,138,318.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	56,916.

Part XI Distributable Amount (see page 25 of the 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	56,916.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2009 from Part VI, line 5	2a	812.
b	Income tax for 2009. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	812.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	56,104.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	56,104.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see page 25 of the instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	56,104.

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see page 25 of the 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	7,860.
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	0.
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	0.
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	0.
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	7,860.
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 page 26 of the instructions)	5	N/A
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	7,860.

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 page 26 of the instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2008	(c) 2008	(d) 2009
1 Distributable amount for 2009 from Part XI, line 7				56,104.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2009:				
a Enter amount for 2008 only			0.	
b Total for prior years: 20 07, 20 06, 20 05		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2009:				
a From 2004	0.			
b From 2005	30,898.			
c From 2006	0.			
d From 2007	0.			
e From 2008	5,258.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	36,156.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2009 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$ 7,860.				
a Applied to 2008, but not more than line 2a			0.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see page 26 of the instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see page 26 of the instructions)				
d Applied to 2009 distributable amount				7,860.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2009 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)	36,156.			36,156.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5				
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.				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see page 27 of the instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2008. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see page 27 of the instructions			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2009. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2010.				12,088.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (see page 27 of the instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2004 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see page 27 of the instructions)				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2010. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2005				
b Excess from 2006				
c Excess from 2007				
d Excess from 2008				
e Excess from 2009				

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see page 27 of the instructions and Part VII-A, question 9) NOT APPLICABLE

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2009, 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)

Table with 5 main columns: (a) 2009, (b) 2008, (c) 2007, (d) 2006, (e) Total. Rows include 2a (Adjusted net income), 2b (85% of line 2a), 2c (Qualifying distributions), 2d (Amounts included in line 2c), 2e (Qualifying distributions made directly), 3 (Alternative tests), 3a (Assets test), 3b (Endowment test), 3c (Support test).

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 page 28 of the 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).)

NONE

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. (see page 28 of the instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.

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

ATTACHMENT 11

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

NONE SPECIFIED OR REQUIRED

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	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
<p>a Paid during the year</p> <p>ATTACHMENT 12</p>				
Total.				7,860.
b Approved for future payment				
Total.				3b

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See page 28 of the 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					1,879.
4 Dividends and interest from securities					24,173.
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a Debt-financed property					
b Not debt-financed property					
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					22,927.
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11 Other revenue: a _____					
b IRA DISTRIBUTIONS					23,525.
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
12 Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e)					72,504.
13 Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)					72,504.

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions on page 28 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). (See page 29 of the instructions.)
3, 4	THE FOUNDATION HOLDS INCOME PRODUCING ASSETS IN ORDER TO
8	PRESERVE THE CORPUS OF THE FUND FOR FURTHER GRANTS

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

- 1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code... a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of: (1) Cash, (2) Other assets, b Other transactions: (1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization, (2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization, (3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets, (4) Reimbursement arrangements, (5) Loans or loan guarantees, (6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations, c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees, d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule.

Table with 4 columns: (a) Line no., (b) Amount involved, (c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization, (d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements. Row 1 contains 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) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? Yes No [X]

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule.

Table with 3 columns: (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 or fiduciary) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature section containing: Signature of officer or trustee (M. Stubbink), Date (10/27/10), Title (Treasurer), Preparer's signature (James C. ...), Date (10/25/2010), Check if self-employed, Preparer's identifying number (P00285599), Firm's name (GRANT THORNTON LLP), Address (500 US BANK PLAZA N, 200 S 6TH ST, MINNEAPOLIS, MN), EIN (36-6055558), and Phone no. (612-332-0001).

Capital Gains and Losses

2009

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Attach to Form 1041, Form 5227, or Form 990-T. See the instructions for Schedule D (Form 1041) (also for Form 5227 or Form 990-T, if applicable).

Name of estate or trust

BENTSON FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

41-6020204

Note: Form 5227 filers need to complete only Parts I and II.

Part I Short-Term Capital Gains and Losses - Assets Held One Year or Less

(a) Description of property (Example: 100 shares 7% preferred of "Z" Co)	(b) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(c) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Sales price	(e) Cost or other basis (see page 4 of the instructions)	(f) Gain or (loss) for the entire year Subtract (e) from (d)
1a					

b Enter the short-term gain or (loss), if any, from Schedule D-1, line 1b	1b	
2 Short-term capital gain or (loss) from Forms 4684, 6252, 6781, and 8824	2	
3 Net short-term gain or (loss) from partnerships, S corporations, and other estates or trusts	3	
4 Short-term capital loss carryover. Enter the amount, if any, from line 9 of the 2008 Capital Loss Carryover Worksheet	4	()
5 Net short-term gain or (loss). Combine lines 1a through 4 in column (f). Enter here and on line 13, column (3) on the back	5	

Part II Long-Term Capital Gains and Losses - Assets Held More Than One Year

(a) Description of property (Example: 100 shares 7% preferred of "Z" Co)	(b) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(c) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Sales price	(e) Cost or other basis (see page 4 of the instructions)	(f) Gain or (loss) for the entire year Subtract (e) from (d)
6a					

b Enter the long-term gain or (loss), if any, from Schedule D-1, line 6b	6b	22,927.
7 Long-term capital gain or (loss) from Forms 2439, 4684, 6252, 6781, and 8824	7	
8 Net long-term gain or (loss) from partnerships, S corporations, and other estates or trusts	8	
9 Capital gain distributions	9	
10 Gain from Form 4797, Part I	10	
11 Long-term capital loss carryover. Enter the amount, if any, from line 14 of the 2008 Capital Loss Carryover Worksheet	11	()
12 Net long-term gain or (loss). Combine lines 6a through 11 in column (f). Enter here and on line 14a, column (3) on the back	12	22,927.

Part III Summary of Parts I and II <i>Caution: Read the instructions before completing this part.</i>		(1) Beneficiaries' (see page 5)	(2) Estate's or trust's	(3) Total
13	Net short-term gain or (loss)	13		
14	Net long-term gain or (loss):			
a	Total for year	14a		22,927.
b	Unrecaptured section 1250 gain (see line 18 of the wrksht.)	14b		
c	28% rate gain	14c		
15	Total net gain or (loss). Combine lines 13 and 14a	15		22,927.

Note: If line 15, column (3), is a net gain, enter the gain on Form 1041, line 4 (or Form 990-T, Part I, line 4a). If lines 14a and 15, column (2), are net gains, go to Part V, and do not complete Part IV. If line 15, column (3), is a net loss, complete Part IV and the **Capital Loss Carryover Worksheet**, as necessary.

Part IV Capital Loss Limitation		16
16	Enter here and enter as a (loss) on Form 1041, line 4 (or Form 990-T, Part I, line 4c, if a trust), the smaller of: a The loss on line 15, column (3) or b \$3,000	()

Note: If the loss on line 15, column (3), is more than \$3,000, or if Form 1041, page 1, line 22 (or Form 990-T, line 34), is a loss, complete the **Capital Loss Carryover Worksheet** on page 7 of the instructions to figure your capital loss carryover.

Part V Tax Computation Using Maximum Capital Gains Rates

Form 1041 filers. Complete this part only if both lines 14a and 15 in column (2) are gains, or an amount is entered in Part I or Part II and there is an entry on Form 1041, line 2b(2), and Form 1041, line 22, is more than zero.

Caution: Skip this part and complete the worksheet on page 8 of the instructions if:

- Either line 14b, col. (2) or line 14c, col. (2) is more than zero, or
- Both Form 1041, line 2b(1), and Form 4952, line 4g are more than zero.

Form 990-T trusts. Complete this part only if both lines 14a and 15 are gains, or qualified dividends are included in income in Part I of Form 990-T, and Form 990-T, line 34, is more than zero. Skip this part and complete the worksheet on page 8 of the instructions if either line 14b, col. (2) or line 14c, col. (2) is more than zero.

17	Enter taxable income from Form 1041, line 22 (or Form 990-T, line 34)	17	
18	Enter the smaller of line 14a or 15 in column (2) but not less than zero	18	
19	Enter the estate's or trust's qualified dividends from Form 1041, line 2b(2) (or enter the qualified dividends included in income in Part I of Form 990-T)	19	
20	Add lines 18 and 19	20	
21	If the estate or trust is filing Form 4952, enter the amount from line 4g; otherwise, enter -0-	21	
22	Subtract line 21 from line 20. If zero or less, enter -0-	22	
23	Subtract line 22 from line 17. If zero or less, enter -0-	23	
24	Enter the smaller of the amount on line 17 or \$2,300	24	
25	Is the amount on line 23 equal to or more than the amount on line 24? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Skip lines 25 and 26; go to line 27 and check the "No" box. <input type="checkbox"/> No. Enter the amount from line 23.	25	
26	Subtract line 25 from line 24.	26	
27	Are the amounts on lines 22 and 26 the same? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Skip lines 27 thru 30; go to line 31 <input type="checkbox"/> No. Enter the smaller of line 17 or line 22	27	
28	Enter the amount from line 26 (If line 26 is blank, enter -0-)	28	
29	Subtract line 28 from line 27	29	
30	Multiply line 29 by 15% (.15)	30	
31	Figure the tax on the amount on line 23. Use the 2009 Tax Rate Schedule for Estates and Trusts (see the Schedule G instructions in the instructions for Form 1041)	31	
32	Add lines 30 and 31	32	
33	Figure the tax on the amount on line 17. Use the 2009 Tax Rate Schedule for Estates and Trusts (see the Schedule G instructions in the instructions for Form 1041)	33	
34	Tax on all taxable income. Enter the smaller of line 32 or line 33 here and on Form 1041, Schedule G, line 1a (or Form 990-T, line 36)	34	

Name of estate or trust as shown on Form 1041 Do not enter name and employer identification number if shown on the other side

BENTSON FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

41-6020204

Part II Long-Term Capital Gains and Losses - Assets Held More Than One Year

(a) Description of property (Example 100 sh 7% preferred of "Z" Co)	(b) Date acquired (mo, day, yr)	(c) Date sold (mo, day, yr)	(d) Sales price (see page 4 of the instructions)	(e) Cost or other basis (see page 4 of the instructions)	(f) Gain or (loss) Subtract (e) from (d)
6a ISHARES TRUST SEE ATTACHMENT	VAR	VAR	49,821.	38,590.	11,231.
ING SENIOR INCOME FUND 4720.692 SHS	11/12/08	3/12/2010	60,000.	46,452.	13,548.
FHLB BOND	11/12/2008	11/30/2009	95,000.	96,852.	-1,852.

6b Total. Combine the amounts in column (f). Enter here and on Schedule D, line 6b 22,927.

**FORM 990-PF - PART IV
CAPITAL GAINS AND LOSSES FOR TAX ON INVESTMENT INCOME**

Kind of Property		Description				P or D	Date acquired	Date sold
Gross sale price less expenses of sale	Depreciation allowed/ allowable	Cost or other basis	FMV as of 12/31/69	Adj. basis as of 12/31/69	Excess of FMV over adj basis		Gain or (loss)	
49,821.		ISHARES TRUST SEE ATTACHMENT 38,590.					VAR 11,231.	VAR
60,000.		ING SENIOR INCOME FUND 4720.692 SHS 46,452.					11/12/08 13,548.	3/12/2010
95,000.		FHLB BOND 96,852.					11/12/2008 -1,852.	11/30/2009
TOTAL GAIN(LOSS)					<u>22,927.</u>	

ATTACHMENT 1

FORM 990PF, PART I - INTEREST ON TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS</u>	<u>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</u>
WELLS FARGO	1,879.	1,879.
TOTAL	<u>1,879.</u>	<u>1,879.</u>

ATTACHMENT 2

FORM 990PF, PART I - DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST FROM SECURITIES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS</u>	<u>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</u>
WELLS FARGO	24,173.	24,173.
TOTAL	<u>24,173.</u>	<u>24,173.</u>

FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER INCOME

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS</u>
IRA DISTRIBUTION	23,525.
TOTALS	<u>23,525.</u>

ATTACHMENT 4

FORM 990PF, PART I - LEGAL FEES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS</u>	<u>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</u>	<u>ADJUSTED NET INCOME</u>	<u>CHARITABLE PURPOSES</u>
LEGAL FEES	1,075.	0.	0.	
TOTALS	<u>1,075.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>

ATTACHMENT 5

FORM 990PF, PART I - ACCOUNTING FEES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS</u>	<u>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</u>	<u>ADJUSTED NET INCOME</u>	<u>CHARITABLE PURPOSES</u>
ACCOUNTING FEES	4,550.	0.	0.	0.
TOTALS	<u>4,550.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>

ATTACHMENT 6

FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS</u>	<u>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</u>	<u>ADJUSTED NET INCOME</u>
CONSULTING FEES	10,062.	0.	0.
TOTALS	<u>10,062.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>

ATTACHMENT 7

FORM 990PF, PART I - TAXES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS</u>	<u>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</u>	<u>ADJUSTED NET INCOME</u>	<u>CHARITABLE PURPOSES</u>
FOREIGN SOURCE WITHHOLDING	462.	462.	0.	0.
FEDERAL TAXES	0.	0.	0.	0.
TOTALS	<u>462.</u>	<u>462.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>

FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER EXPENSES

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS	NET INVESTMENT INCOME	ADJUSTED NET INCOME
ADVISOR FEES	7,914.	7,914.	0.
MN FILING FEE	25.	0.	0.
BANK FEE	10.	10.	0.
TOTALS	<u>7,949.</u>	<u>7,924.</u>	<u>0.</u>

FORM 990PF, PART II - CORPORATE STOCK

ATTACHMENT 9

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ENDING BOOK VALUE</u>	<u>ENDING FMV</u>
WELLS FARGO #W82331698	910,185.	1,091,587.
TOTALS	<u>910,185.</u>	<u>1,091,587.</u>

FORM 990PF, PART VIII - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND TRUSTEES

ATTACHMENT 10

TITLE AND AVERAGE HOURS PER
WEEK DEVOTED TO POSITION

NAME AND ADDRESS

SECRETARY

GEORGE REILLY
3600 MINNESOTA DRIVE, SUITE 700
EDINA, MN 55435

TREASURER

MARK S. NIBLICK
3600 MINNESOTA DRIVE, SUITE 700
EDINA, MN 55435

PRESIDENT

LAURIE BENTSON KAUTH
3600 MINNESOTA DRIVE, SUITE 700
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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ASSISTANT TREASURER

STEVE GROSSER
3600 MINNESOTA DRIVE, SUITE 700
EDINA, MN 55435

GRAND TOTALS

FORM 990PF, PART XV - NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE FOR APPLICATIONS

JUDY JOHNSON
3600 MINNESOTA AVE, SUITE 700
EDINA, MN 55435

FORM 990FP, PART XV - GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS PAID DURING THE YEAR

ATTACHMENT 12

RELATIONSHIP TO SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTOR

AND

FOUNDATION STATUS OF RECIPIENT

PURPOSE OF GRANT OR CONTRIBUTION

AMOUNT

RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS

SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT

NONE

TO FURTHER ORGANIZATION'S TAX EXEMPT PURPOSE

7,860.

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS PAID

7,860.

THE BENTSON FOUNDATION

Donations

EIN: 41-6020204

FORM: 990-PF

TAX YEAR ENDED: June 30, 2010

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
B'nai Israel Synagogue	\$ 5,000.00
Guild Incorporated	200.00
Inner City Tennis	100.00
Special Olympics	20.00
National Parks Conservation Association	25.00
Easter Seals	20.00
Memorial Sloan Kettering	50.00
Salvation Army	25.00
National Wildlife Federation	25.00
USO	25.00
Cousteau Society	40.00
Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest	25.00
Twin Cities Public Television	50.00
Simon Wiesenthal Center	25.00
Unicef Fund	25.00
World Wildlife Fund	25.00
Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara	75.00
Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Foundation	100.00
Sings Like Hell/Lobero Foundation	500.00
New York University Senior Class Legacy	25.00
Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation	1,480.00
	<u>1,480.00</u>
	\$ 7,860.00



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41-6020204

Account number: W82331698

Financial Consultant: ROBERT CASS

Phone Number: (612) 316-4429

\$ Realized Gains (Losses)

Quantity	Description	Date Acquired	Date Sold	Short/Long Term	Purchase Price	Sale Price	Cost Basis	Sale Proceeds	Realized Gains/(Losses)
180	ISHARES TRUST	11/12/08	02/23/10	Long	\$87.50	\$110.33	\$15,750.00	\$19,860.08	\$4,110.08
175	ISHARES TR	11/12/08	02/23/10	Long	47.37	57.10	8,291.19	9,992.55	1,701.36
408	ISHARES TR	11/12/08	02/23/10	Long	35.66	48.94	14,549.28	19,968.32	5,419.04
	TOTAL						\$38,590.47	\$49,820.95	\$11,230.48