

Form **990-PF**

Return of Private Foundation
or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

Name of foundation THE GERBER FOUNDATION		A Employer identification number 38-6068090						
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 4747 WEST 48TH STREET, SUITE 153		B Telephone number (see instructions) 231-924-3175						
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code FREMONT MI 49412		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>						
G Check all that apply: <table style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: top;"> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Initial return</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Final return</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Amended return</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Address change</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Name change</td></tr> </table>		<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity	<input type="checkbox"/> Final return	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
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H Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>						
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 75,293,683	J Accounting method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>						
(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)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)				
	2 Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	14,066	14,066		
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	128,348	128,348		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	2,791,077			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	54,262,262			
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		2,791,077		
	8 Net short-term capital gain			0	
	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) STMT 1	360,476	359,661			
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	3,293,967	3,293,152	0		
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	0			
	14 Other employee salaries and wages	101,806	4,072		97,734
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits	26,285	869		25,416
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule) STMT 2	40,622	1,219		39,403
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) STMT 3	70,120			
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion STMT 4	743			
	20 Occupancy	24,570			24,570
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	21,959			21,959
	22 Printing and publications	1,557			1,557
	23 Other expenses (att. sch.) STMT 5 STMT 6	297,841	236,373		47,889
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	585,503	242,533	0	258,528
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	3,800,113			3,800,113
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	4,385,616	242,533	0	4,058,641	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-1,091,649				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		3,050,619			
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	40,612	277,227	277,227
	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 (att. schedule) ▶ Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶	0		
	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) SEE STMT 7	84,814,098	83,498,813	75,002,173
	c Investments – corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11 Investments – land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ Less: accumulated depreciation (attach sch.) ▶			
	12 Investments – mortgage loans			
	13 Investments – other (attach schedule)			
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ 20,956 Less: accumulated depreciation (attach sch.) ▶ STMT 8 20,252	1,089	704	704
15 Other assets (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 9)	27,157	13,579	13,579	
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers – see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	84,882,956	83,790,323	75,293,683	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,913	2,929	
	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)	3,913	2,929	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 24, 25, 29, and 30. ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	24 Net assets without donor restrictions	84,879,043	83,787,394	
	25 Net assets with donor restrictions			
	Foundations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 26 through 30. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
	26 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	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)	84,879,043	83,787,394		
30 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	84,882,956	83,790,323		

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	84,879,043
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-1,091,649
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	83,787,394
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	83,787,394

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 GF ALTERNATIVES	P		
b FIXED	P		
c EQUITY	P		
d PARTNERSHIP K-1'S	P		
e PARTNERSHIP K-1'S	P		

(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 20,577,181		19,736,232	840,949
b 3,150,055		3,146,442	3,613
c 29,267,874		28,492,145	775,729
d		96,366	-96,366
e 1,267,152			1,267,152

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))
			840,949
			3,613
			775,729
			-96,366
			1,267,152

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	2,791,077
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). See instructions. If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 }	3	

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? Yes No

If "Yes," the foundation 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	3,337,244	74,453,205	0.044823
2017	2,958,415	72,782,455	0.040647
2016	3,945,205	68,332,309	0.057736
2015	3,702,012	72,381,157	0.051146
2014	3,534,802	75,781,214	0.046645

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	0.240997
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	0.048199
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2019 from Part X, line 5	4	72,765,258
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	3,507,213
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	30,506
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	3,537,719
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.	8	4,058,641

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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	30,506
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	30,506
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	30,506
6	Credits/Payments:		
a	2019 estimated tax payments and 2018 overpayment credited to 2019	6a	110,519
b	Exempt foreign organizations – tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	110,519
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input checked="" 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	80,013
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2020 estimated tax 30,000 Refunded	11	50,013

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
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. ▶ \$ _____ (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
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	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered. See instructions. ▶ MI		
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by <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 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		X

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? Website address ► WWW.GERBERFOUNDATION.ORG	13	X	
14 The books are in care of ► CATHY OBITS Telephone no. ► 231-924-3175 4747 WEST 48TH STREET			
Located at ► FREMONT MI ZIP+4 ► 49412			
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		<input type="checkbox"/>
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? See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►	16		X

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
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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here	1b		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?	1c		N/A
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 ► 20 , 20 , 20 , 20 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.)	2b		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. ► 20 , 20 , 20 , 20			
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.)	3b		N/A
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 2019?	4b		X