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**STATE OF MINNESOTA
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION
ANNUAL REPORT FORM**

Website Address:

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(Pursuant to Minn. Stat. ch. 309)

SECTION A: Organization Information

Legal Name of Organization Merjent Foundation

Federal EIN: 83-1623599

Fiscal Year-End: 12/31/2020

mm/dd/yyyy

Did the organization's fiscal year-end change? Yes No

Mailing Address:	Physical Address:
Contact Person	Contact Person
<u>1 Main Street SE, Suite 300</u>	<u>1 Main Street SE, Suite 300</u>
Street Address	Street Address
<u>Minneapolis MN 55414</u>	<u>Minneapolis MN 55414</u>
City, State, and Zip Code	City, State, and Zip Code
Phone Number	Phone Number
Email Address	Email Address

1. Organization's website: www.merjentfoundation.org

2. List all of the organization's alternate and former names (attach list if more space is needed).

_____ Alternate Former
 _____ Alternate Former

3. List all names under which the organization solicits contributions (attach list if more space is needed).

4. Is the organization incorporated pursuant to Minn. Stat. ch. 317A Yes No

5. Total amount of contributions the organization received from Minnesota donors: \$ _____

6. Has the organization's tax-exempt status with the IRS changed?

Yes No If yes, attach explanation.

7. Has the organization significantly changed its purpose(s) or program(s)?

Yes No If yes, attach explanation.

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8. Has the organization been denied the right to solicit contributions by any court or government agency? [] Yes [X] No If yes, attach explanation.

9. Does the organization use the services of a professional fundraiser (outside solicitor or consultant) to solicit contributions in Minnesota? [] Yes [X] No

If yes, provide the following information for each (attach list if more space is needed):

Name of Professional Fundraiser

Compensation

Street Address

City, State, and Zip Code

10. Is the organization a food shelf? [] Yes [X] No

If yes, is the organization required to file an audit? [] Yes, audit attached [] No

Note: An organization that has total revenue of more than \$750,000 is required to file an audit prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles by an independent CPA or LPA. The value of donated food to a nonprofit food shelf may be excluded from the total revenue if the food is donated for subsequent distribution at no charge and is not resold.

11. Do any directors, officers, or employees of the organization or its related organization(s) receive total compensation* of more than \$100,000? [] Yes [X] No

If yes, provide the following information for the five highest paid individuals:

Table with 3 columns: Name and title, Compensation*, Other compensation. Contains 5 empty rows for data entry.

*Compensation is defined as the total amount reported on Form W-2 (Box 5) or Form 1099-MISC (Box 7) issued by the organization and its related organizations to the individual. See Minn. Stat. § 309.53, subd. 3(i) and Minn. Stat. § 317A.011 for definitions.

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SECTION B: Financial Information

This section must be completed by organizations that file an IRS Form 990-EZ, 990-PF, or 990-N. Organizations that file an IRS Form 990 may skip Section B and go directly to Section C.

INCOME

1. Contributions Received	\$	<u>49,999</u>	1
2. Government Grants	\$	_____	2
3. Program Service Revenue	\$	_____	3
4. Other Revenue	\$	_____	4
5. TOTAL INCOME	\$	<u>49,999</u>	5

EXPENSES

6. Program Expenses	\$	<u>25,725</u>	6
7. Management & General Expenses	\$	_____	7
8. Fund-raising Expenses	\$	_____	8
9. TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	<u>25,725</u>	9
10. EXCESS or DEFICIT (Line 5 minus Line 9)	\$	<u>24,274</u>	10

ASSETS

11. Cash	\$	<u>62,085</u>	11
12. Land, Buildings & Equipment	\$	_____	12
13. Other Assets	\$	_____	13
14. TOTAL ASSETS	\$	<u>62,085</u>	14

LIABILITIES

15. Accounts Payable	\$	_____	15
16. Grants Payable	\$	_____	16
17. Other Liabilities	\$	_____	17
18. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	<u>0</u>	18

FUND BALANCE/NET WORTH

(Line 14 minus Line 18)

\$	<u>62,085</u>
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Section B (continued): Statement of Functional Expenses

This expense statement must be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Each column must be completed, and Columns B, C, and D must equal Column A. The amount on Line 25, Column A must match Line 17 of IRS Form 990-EZ or Line 26 of IRS Form 990-PF.

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1. Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S.	24,500	24,500		
2. Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S.				
3. Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S.				
4. Benefits paid to or for members				
5. Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6. Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7. Other salaries and wages				
8. Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9. Other employee benefits				
10. Payroll taxes				
11. Fees for services (non-employees):				
a. Management				
b. Legal				
c. Accounting	1,200		1,200	
d. Lobbying				
e. Professional fundraising services				
f. Investment management fees				
g. Other				
12. Advertising and promotion				
13. Office expenses				
14. Information technology				
15. Royalties				
16. Occupancy				
17. Travel				
18. Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19. Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20. Interest				
21. Payments to affiliates				
22. Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23. Insurance				
24. Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. Expenses labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses (Line 25).				
a. MN Filing Fees	25		25	
b.				
c.				
d.				
25. Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24d.	25,725	24,500	1,225	
26. Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in Column B joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

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Section C: Board of Directors Signatures and Acknowledgment

The form must be executed pursuant to a resolution of the board of directors, trustees, or managing group and must be signed by two officers of the organization. See Minn. Stat. § 309.52, subd. 3.

We, the undersigned, state and acknowledge that we are duly constituted officers of this organization, being the Treasurer (Title) and _____ (Title) respectively, and that we execute this document on behalf of the organization pursuant to the resolution of the _____ (Board of Directors, Trustees, or Managing Group) adopted on the _____ day of _____, 20____, approving the contents of the document, and do hereby certify that the _____ (Board of Directors, Trustees or Managing Group) has assumed, and will continue to assume, responsibility for determining matters of policy, and have supervised, and will continue to supervise, the operations and finances of the organization. We further state that the information supplied is true, correct and complete to the best of our knowledge.

Sara Romdenne
Name (Print)

Name (Print)

Signature

Signature

Treasurer
Title

Title

Date

Date

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.**
▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990PF for instructions and the latest information.**

Open to Public Inspection

For calendar year 2020 or tax year beginning _____, **and ending** _____

Name of foundation Merjent Foundation		A Employer identification number 83-1623599
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 1 Main Street SE, Suite 300	Room/suite	B Telephone number (see instructions) 612-924-3959
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Minneapolis MN 55414		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
G Check all that apply: <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"/>
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) ▶ \$ 62,085	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 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) 49,999	49,999			
	2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities				
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2) 0		0		
	8 Net short-term capital gain 0			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)					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11 49,999	49,999	0	0		
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc. 0	0			
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule) Stmt 1 1,200	1,200	600		600
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)				
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (att. sch.) Stmt 2 25	25	13		12
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23 1,225	1,225	613	0	612
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid See Statement 3 24,500	24,500			24,500
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25 25,725	25,725	613	0	25,112	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements 24,274	24,274				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		0			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			0		

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	37,811	62,085	62,085
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments			
	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)			
	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 ▶ Less: accumulated depreciation (attach sch.) ▶			
15 Other assets (describe ▶)				
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers – see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	37,811	62,085	62,085	
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)	0	0	
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	37,811	62,085	
	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)	37,811	62,085		
30 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	37,811	62,085		

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	37,811
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	24,274
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	62,085
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	62,085

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 N/A				
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) 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	
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 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

SECTION 4940(e) REPEALED ON DECEMBER 20, 2019 – DO NOT COMPLETE.

1 Reserved			
(a) Reserved	(b) Reserved	(c) Reserved	(d) Reserved
Reserved			
Reserved			
Reserved			
Reserved			
Reserved			
2 Reserved			2
3 Reserved			3
4 Reserved			4
5 Reserved			5
6 Reserved			6
7 Reserved			7
8 Reserved			8

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 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	Reserved	1	
c	All other domestic foundations enter 1.39% 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	
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	0
6	Credits/Payments:		
a	2020 estimated tax payments and 2019 overpayment credited to 2020	6a	
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	
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check her <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	
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2021 estimated tax Refunded	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
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.	2	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	3	X
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a	X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year? N/A	4b	
5	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by <i>General Instruction T</i> .	5	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?	6	X
7	Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV	7	X
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered. See instructions. ▶ MN		
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	8b	X
9	Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2020 or the tax year beginning in 2020? See instructions for Part XIV. If "Yes," complete Part XIV	9	X
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses	10	X

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.merjentfoundation.org	13	X	
14 The books are in care of ▶ Sara Romdenne Telephone no. ▶ 612-924-3959 1 Main Street SE, Suite 300 Located at ▶ Minneapolis MN ZIP+4 ▶ 55414			
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 2020, 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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	1b		
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 2020? N/A	1c		
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 2020, did the foundation have any undistributed income (Part XIII, lines 6d and 6e) for tax year(s) beginning before 2020? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," list the years ▶ 20 , 20 , 20 , 20			
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement – see instructions.) N/A	2b		
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ▶ 20 , 20 , 20 , 20			
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2020 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 2020.) N/A	3b		
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		X
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2020?	4b		X

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
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶

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 ▶

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	0
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	75,952
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	75,952
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	75,952
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1½% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	1,139
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	74,813
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	3,741

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	3,741
2a	Tax on investment income for 2020 from Part VI, line 5	2a	
b	Income tax for 2020. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	3,741
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	3,741
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	3,741

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. – total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	25,112
b	Program-related investments – total from Part IX-B	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8; and Part XIII, line 4	4	25,112
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	0
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	25,112

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 2019	(c) 2019	(d) 2020
1 Distributable amount for 2020 from Part XI, line 7				3,741
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2020:				
a Enter amount for 2019 only				
b Total for prior years: 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2020:				
a From 2015				
b From 2016				
c From 2017				
d From 2018				
e From 2019				7,065
f Total of lines 3a through e	7,065			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2020 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$ 25,112				
a Applied to 2019, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required – see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required – see instructions)				
d Applied to 2020 distributable amount				3,741
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	21,371			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2020 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5	28,436			
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
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 instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2019. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount – see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2020. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2021				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)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2015 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2021. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	28,436			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2016				
b Excess from 2017				
c Excess from 2018				
d Excess from 2019				7,065
e Excess from 2020	21,371			

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

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2020, enter the date of the ruling

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year				(e) Total
	(a) 2020	(b) 2019	(c) 2018	(d) 2017	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4, for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
a "Assets" alternative test – enter:					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b "Endowment" alternative test – enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6, for each year listed					
c "Support" alternative test – enter:					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year – see instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)
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b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.
N/A

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:
 Check here if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc., to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d. See instructions.

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

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

c Any submission deadlines:
N/A

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:
N/A

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)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
People Serving People 614 S 3rd Street Minneapolis MN 55415			Charitable Contribution	2,000
Pillars, Inc. 605 E. Hancock St. Appleton WI 54911			Charitable Contribution	1,000
SpringBoard for the Arts 262 University Ave W St. Paul MN 55103			Charitable Contribution	2,000
Sheridan Story 2723 Patton Road Roseville MN 55113			Charitable Contribution	1,000
House of Hope 4800 Boone Ave N New Hope MN 55428			Charitable Contribution	1,000
Paul's Pantry 1513 Leo Frigo Way Green Bay WI 54302			Charitable Contribution	1,000
Simpson Housing 2100 Pillsbury Ave S Minneapolis MN 55404			Charitable Contribution	1,000
Open Door Pantry 3910 Rahn Road Eagan MN 55122			Charitable Contribution	1,000
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agen 702 S 3rd Ave Virginia MN 55792			Charitable Contribution	1,000
Northside Achievement Zone 2123 W Broadway Ave Minneapolis MN 55411			Charitable Contribution	1,000
Total			▶ 3a	24,500
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
N/A				
Total			▶ 3b	

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)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Solidarity Sandys 860 Johnson Ferry Road NE Sandy Springs GA 30342			Charitable Contribution	500
North Country Food Alliance 2400 Blaisdell Ave Minneapolis MN 55404			Charitable Contribution	1,000
Tubman 4432 Chicago Ave Minneapolis MN 55404			Charitable Contribution	500
First Nations 2432 Main Street Longmont CO 80501			Charitable Contribution	1,000
The Lift Garage 2401 E Lake Street Minneapolis MN 55406			Charitable Contribution	500
Ben's Wish 320 N. Broadway St Green Bay WI 54303			Charitable Contribution	500
2020 Scholarship - Gustavus 800 W. College Ave St. Peter MN 56082			Charitable Contribution	2,500
2020 Scholarship - UMN 110 Pearl St. Sharon WI 53585			Charitable Contribution	1,000
Tubman 4432 Chicago Ave Minneapolis MN 55411			Charitable Contribution	5,000
Total			▶ 3a	
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
N/A				
Total			▶ 3b	

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Statement 1 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16b - Accounting Fees

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
Tax Prep Fees	\$ 1,200	\$ 600	\$	\$ 600
Total	<u>\$ 1,200</u>	<u>\$ 600</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 600</u>

Statement 2 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 23 - Other Expenses

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
Expenses				
MN Filing Fee	25	13	\$	12
Total	<u>\$ 25</u>	<u>\$ 13</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 12</u>

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Statement 3 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 25 - Noncash Contributions, Gifts, Grants

Amount	Noncash Description	FMV Explanation	Book Value Amount	Book Value Explanation	Date
2,000					3/26/20
1,000					3/26/20
2,000					3/26/20
1,000					4/14/20
1,000					4/22/20
1,000					4/22/20
1,000					4/22/20
1,000					4/22/20
1,000					4/22/20
1,000					4/22/20
1,000					10/02/20
500					10/02/20
1,000					10/02/20
500					10/02/20
1,000					10/02/20
500					10/02/20
2,500					10/02/20
1,000					12/15/20
5,000					12/18/20
					12/18/20

Statement 4 - Form 990-PF, Part VIII, Line 1 - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Etc.

Name and Address	Title	Average Hours	Compensation	Benefits	Expenses
Sara Romdenne 1 Main Street SE, Suite 300 Minneapolis MN 55414	Treasurer	0.25	0	0	0
Melissa Dellwo 1 Main Street SE Minneapolis MN 55414	President	0.25	0	0	0
Kari Krause 1 Main Street SE Minneapolis MN 55414	Secretary	0.25	0	0	0
Bill Harding 1 Main Street SE	Board Member	0.25	0	0	0

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Statement 4 - Form 990-PF, Part VIII, Line 1 - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Etc. (continued)

Name and Address	Title	Average Hours	Compensation	Benefits	Expenses
Minneapolis MN 55414	Board Member	0.25	0	0	0
Lucas Bicknell 1 Main Street SE Minneapolis MN 55414	Board Member	0.25	0	0	0
Christina Prezler 1 Main Street SE Minneapolis MN 55414	Board Member	0.25	0	0	0
Jameson Loesch 1 Main Street SE Minneapolis MN 55414	Board Member	0.25	0	0	0

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445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1200
St. Paul, MN 55101-2130

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
CHARITABLE TRUST
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 501B.33-.45)



Legal Name of Organization Merjent Foundation

Federal EIN: 83-1623599

Fiscal Year-End: 12/31/20

Mailing Address:	Physical Address:
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Contact Person	Contact Person
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Street Address	Street Address
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City, State, and Zip Code	City, State, and Zip Code
612-924-3959	612-924-3595
Phone Number	Phone Number
sara.romdenne@merjent.com	sara@romdenne@merjent.com
Email Address	Email Address

This form must be completed by organizations that file an IRS Form 990-N or that do not file an IRS return. Organizations that file an IRS Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF should submit a copy of their tax return.

INCOME

1. Contributions Received	\$	<u>1</u>
2. Government Grants	\$	<u>2</u>
3. Program Service Revenue	\$	<u>3</u>
4. Interest	\$	<u>4</u>
5. Dividends	\$	<u>5</u>
6. Other Revenue	\$	<u>6</u>
7. TOTAL INCOME	\$	<u>7</u>

EXPENSES

8. Program Expenses	\$	<u>8</u>
9. Management & General Expenses	\$	<u>9</u>
10. Fund-raising Expenses	\$	<u>10</u>
11. Amount Paid to Affiliated Organizations	\$	<u>11</u>
12. TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	<u>12</u>
13. EXCESS or DEFICIT	\$	<u>13</u>
(Line 7 minus Line 12)		

ASSETS

14. Cash	\$	<u>14</u>
15. Accounts Receivable	\$	<u>15</u>
16. Investments	\$	<u>16</u>
17. Receivables Due from Officers, Trustees, and Key Employees	\$	<u>17</u>
18. Land, Buildings & Equipment	\$	<u>18</u>
19. Other Assets	\$	<u>19</u>
20. TOTAL ASSETS	\$	<u>20</u>

LIABILITIES

21. Accounts Payable	\$	<u>21</u>
22. Grants Payable	\$	<u>22</u>
23. Other Liabilities	\$	<u>23</u>
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	<u>24</u>

FUND BALANCE/NET WORTH \$
(Line 20 minus Line 24)