

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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For calendar year 2023 or tax year beginning , and ending

Name of foundation <b>Merjent Foundation</b>		<b>A Employer identification number</b> <b>83-1623599</b>
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) <b>1 Main Street SE, Suite 300</b>	Room/suite	<b>B Telephone number (see instructions)</b> <b>231-495-0944</b>
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>Minneapolis MN 55414</b>		<b>C</b> If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>G</b> 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		<b>D</b> 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>H</b> 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		<b>E</b> If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I</b> Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) \$ <b>99,735</b>	<b>J</b> Accounting method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	<b>F</b> If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses</b> (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)
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule) <b>68,000</b>	<b>68,000</b>			
	<b>2</b> Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	<b>3</b> Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	<b>4</b> Dividends and interest from securities				
	<b>5a</b> Gross rents				
	<b>b</b> Net rental income or (loss)				
	<b>6a</b> Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
	<b>b</b> Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
	<b>7</b> Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2) <b>0</b>		<b>0</b>		
	<b>8</b> Net short-term capital gain <b>0</b>			<b>0</b>	
	<b>9</b> Income modifications				
	<b>10a</b> Gross sales less returns and allowances				
<b>b</b> Less: Cost of goods sold					
<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)					
<b>11</b> Other income (attach schedule)					
<b>12 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 11 <b>68,000</b>	<b>68,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Operating and Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc. <b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			
	<b>14</b> Other employee salaries and wages				
	<b>15</b> Pension plans, employee benefits				
	<b>16a</b> Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	<b>b</b> Accounting fees (attach schedule) <b>Stmt 1</b> <b>1,225</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>612</b>		<b>613</b>
	<b>c</b> Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	<b>17</b> Interest				
	<b>18</b> Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)				
	<b>19</b> Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	<b>20</b> Occupancy				
	<b>21</b> Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	<b>22</b> Printing and publications				
	<b>23</b> Other expenses (att. sch.) <b>Stmt 2</b> <b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>13</b>
	<b>24 Total operating and administrative expenses.</b> Add lines 13 through 23 <b>1,250</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>626</b>
	<b>25</b> Contributions, gifts, grants paid <b>40,100</b>	<b>40,100</b>			<b>40,100</b>
<b>26 Total expenses and disbursements.</b> Add lines 24 and 25 <b>41,350</b>	<b>41,350</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40,726</b>	
<b>27</b> Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
<b>a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements</b> <b>26,650</b>	<b>26,650</b>				
<b>b Net investment income</b> (if negative, enter -0-) <b>0</b>		<b>0</b>			
<b>c Adjusted net income</b> (if negative, enter -0-) <b>0</b>			<b>0</b>		

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	73,085	99,735	99,735
	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 <b>Total assets</b> (to be completed by all filers — see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	73,085	99,735	99,735	
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 <b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 17 through 22)	0	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>Foundations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 24, 25, 29, and 30.</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	24 Net assets without donor restrictions	73,085	99,735	
	25 Net assets with donor restrictions			
	<b>Foundations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 26 through 30.</b> <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 <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> (see instructions)	73,085	99,735	
30 <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> (see instructions)	73,085	99,735		

**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	73,085
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	26,650
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize)	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	99,735
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	99,735

**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.)
<b>1a</b>	<b>N/A</b>			
<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b>				
<b>d</b>				
<b>e</b>				
(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)	
<b>a</b>				
<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b>				
<b>d</b>				
<b>e</b>				
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))	
<b>a</b>				
<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b>				
<b>d</b>				
<b>e</b>				

<b>2</b> Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	<input type="checkbox"/> If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 <input type="checkbox"/> If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 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		<b>3</b>

**Part V Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), or 4948—see instructions)**

<b>1a</b> 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: <b>(attach copy of letter if necessary — see instructions)</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>b</b> All other domestic foundations enter 1.39% (0.0139) of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations, enter 4% (0.04) of Part I, line 12, col. (b)		
<b>2</b> Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>3</b> Add lines 1 and 2	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Tax based on investment income.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>6</b> Credits/Payments:		
<b>a</b> 2023 estimated tax payments and 2022 overpayment credited to 2023	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</b> Exempt foreign organizations — tax withheld at source	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	<b>6c</b>	
<b>d</b> Backup withholding erroneously withheld	<b>6d</b>	
<b>7</b> Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> Enter any <b>penalty</b> for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b> <b>Tax due.</b> If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter <b>amount owed</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b> <b>Overpayment.</b> If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the <b>amount overpaid</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>11</b> Enter the amount of line 10 to be: <b>Credited to 2024 estimated tax</b> <b>Refunded</b>	<b>11</b>	

**Part VI-A Statements Regarding Activities**

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> 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? .....		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes? See the instructions for the definition .....		<b>X</b>
If the answer is "Yes" to <b>1a</b> or <b>1b</b> , attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.		
<b>c</b> Did the foundation file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year? .....		<b>X</b>
<b>d</b> Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: <b>(1)</b> On the foundation. \$ _____ <b>(2)</b> On foundation managers.\$ _____		
<b>e</b> Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers.\$ _____		
<b>2</b> Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? .....		<b>X</b>
If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.		
<b>3</b> 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 .....		<b>X</b>
<b>4a</b> Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? .....		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on <b>Form 990-T</b> for this year? .....	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>5</b> Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? .....		<b>X</b>
If "Yes," attach the statement required by <i>General Instruction T</i> .		
<b>6</b> 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? .....	<b>X</b>	
<b>7</b> 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 XIV .....	<b>X</b>	
<b>8a</b> Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered. See instructions. <b>MN</b> .....		
<b>b</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 .....	<b>X</b>	
<b>9</b> 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 2023 or the tax year beginning in 2023? See instructions for Part XIII. If "Yes," complete Part XIII .....		<b>X</b>
<b>10</b> Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses .....		<b>X</b>
<b>11</b> 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 .....		<b>X</b>
<b>12</b> 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 .....		<b>X</b>
<b>13</b> Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? .....	<b>X</b>	
Website address <b>www.merjentfoundation.org</b>		
<b>14</b> The books are in care of <b>Jessica Caruso</b> .....	Telephone no. <b>231-495-0944</b>	
<b>1 Main Street SE, Suite 300</b>		
Located at <b>Minneapolis</b> .....		
<b>MN</b> .....		
ZIP+4 <b>55414</b>		
<b>15</b> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of <b>Form 1041</b> — check here .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year .....		
	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> At any time during calendar year 2023, 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? .....		<b>X</b>
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country .....		

**Part VI-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
<b>1a</b>	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? .....		<b>X</b>
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? .....		<b>X</b>
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? .....		<b>X</b>
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? .....		<b>X</b>
	(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)? .....		<b>X</b>
	(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? ( <b>Exception.</b> 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.) .....		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did <b>any</b> 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 .....	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>c</b>	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>d</b>	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 2023? .....	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>2</b>	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)):		
<b>a</b>	At the end of tax year 2023, did the foundation have any undistributed income (Part XIII, lines 6d and 6e) for tax year(s) beginning before 2023? If "Yes," list the years .....		<b>X</b>
	20 ....., 20 ....., 20 ....., 20 .....		
<b>b</b>	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is <b>not</b> 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 <b>all</b> years listed, answer "No" and attach statement — see instructions.) .....	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>c</b>	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to <b>any</b> of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. .....		
	20 ....., 20 ....., 20 ....., 20 .....		
<b>3a</b>	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? .....		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2023 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 2023.) .....	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>4a</b>	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes? .....		<b>X</b>
<b>b</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 2023? .....		<b>X</b>

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

		Yes	No
<b>5a</b>	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))?		<b>X</b>
(2)	Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?		<b>X</b>
(3)	Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?		<b>X</b>
(4)	Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d) (4)(A)? See instructions		<b>X</b>
(5)	Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did <b>any</b> of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>c</b>	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>d</b>	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? If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>6a</b>	Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.		<b>X</b>
<b>7a</b>	At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>8</b>	Is the foundation subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?		<b>X</b>

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

**1 List all officers, directors, trustees, and foundation managers and their compensation. See instructions.**

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
See Statement 3				

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

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

**Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000** **0**

**Part VII 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 VIII-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
<b>1 N/A</b>	
<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	

**Part VIII-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
<b>1 N/A</b>	
<b>2</b>	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
<b>3</b>	

**Total.** Add lines 1 through 3

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

<b>1</b>	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
<b>a</b>	Average monthly fair market value of securities	<b>1a</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>b</b>	Average of monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>	<b>95,799</b>
<b>c</b>	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	<b>1c</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>d</b>	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, b, and c)	<b>1d</b>	<b>95,799</b>
<b>e</b>	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	<b>1e</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2</b>	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	<b>3</b>	<b>95,799</b>
<b>4</b>	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1.5% (0.015) of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	<b>4</b>	<b>1,437</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Net value of noncharitable-use assets.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3	<b>5</b>	<b>94,362</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Minimum investment return.</b> Enter 5% (0.05) of line 5	<b>6</b>	<b>4,718</b>

**Part X 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.)

<b>1</b>	Minimum investment return from Part IX, line 6	<b>1</b>	<b>4,718</b>
<b>2a</b>	Tax on investment income for 2022 from Part V, line 5	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Income tax for 2022. (This does not include the tax from Part V.)	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines 2a and 2b	<b>2c</b>	
<b>3</b>	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	<b>3</b>	<b>4,718</b>
<b>4</b>	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Add lines 3 and 4	<b>5</b>	<b>4,718</b>
<b>6</b>	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Distributable amount</b> as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XII, line 1	<b>7</b>	<b>4,718</b>

**Part XI Qualifying Distributions** (see instructions)

<b>1</b>	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
<b>a</b>	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. — total from Part I, column (d), line 26	<b>1a</b>	<b>40,726</b>
<b>b</b>	Program-related investments — total from Part VIII-B	<b>1b</b>	
<b>2</b>	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
<b>a</b>	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	<b>3a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	<b>3b</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Qualifying distributions.</b> Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part XII, line 4	<b>4</b>	<b>40,726</b>



**Part XII Undistributed Income** (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2022	(c) 2022	(d) 2023
1 Distributable amount for 2023 from Part X, line 7				<b>4,718</b>
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2023:				
a Enter amount for 2022 only				
b Total for prior years: 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023:				
a From 2018				
b From 2019				<b>7,065</b>
c From 2020				<b>21,371</b>
d From 2021				<b>20,818</b>
e From 2022				<b>46,980</b>
f <b>Total</b> of lines 3a through e	<b>96,234</b>			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2023 from Part XI, line 4: \$ <b>40,726</b>				
a Applied to 2022, 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 2023 distributable amount				<b>4,718</b>
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	<b>36,008</b>			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2023 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)				
6 <b>Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:</b>				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5	<b>132,242</b>			
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 2022. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount — see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2023. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2024				<b>0</b>
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 2018 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)				
9 <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2024.</b> Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	<b>132,242</b>			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2019				<b>7,065</b>
b Excess from 2020				<b>21,371</b>
c Excess from 2021				<b>20,818</b>
d Excess from 2022				<b>46,980</b>
e Excess from 2023				<b>36,008</b>

**Part XIII Private Operating Foundations** (see instructions and Part VI-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 2023, 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) 2023	(b) 2022	(c) 2021	(d) 2020	
<b>2a</b> Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part IX for each year listed					
<b>b</b> 85% (0.85) of line 2a					
<b>c</b> Qualifying distributions from Part XI, line 4, for each year listed					
<b>d</b> Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
<b>e</b> Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
<b>3</b> Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
<b>a</b> "Assets" alternative test — enter:					
<b>(1)</b> Value of all assets					
<b>(2)</b> Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
<b>b</b> "Endowment" alternative test — enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part IX, line 6, for each year listed					
<b>c</b> "Support" alternative test — enter:					
<b>(1)</b> Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
<b>(2)</b> Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
<b>(3)</b> Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
<b>(4)</b> Gross investment income					

**Part XIV 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).)  
**Merjent, Inc.**

**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 XIV** Supplementary Information (continued)**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a <i>Paid during the year</i> 2023 - Scholarships, Purdue Univ 128 Memorial Mall West Lafayette IN 47907			Scholarship	3,500
2023 - Scholarship, UW Steven Pt 1108 Fremont St Stevens Point WI 54481			Scholarship	2,500
2023 - Scholarship, Bryn Mawr Collg 101 N Merion Ave Bryn Mawr PA 19010			Scholarship	2,500
East Pennsboro Education Fdn 890 Valley St Enola PA 17025			Charitable	2,000
Every Meal 2723 Patton Rd Roseville MN 55113			Charitable	2,500
Feeding our Community Partners 2120 W Howard Dr North Mankato MN 56003			Charitable	2,500
Fond du Lac Tribal & Comm College 2101 14th St Cloquet MN 55720			Charitable	1,000
Hunger Impact Partners 111 3rd Ave S #190 Minneapolis MN 55401			Charitable	2,000
Kaitlyn's Kloset 4180 Lexington Ave S Eagan MN 55123			Charitable	2,000
Kids Meals, Inc 330 Garden Oaks Blvd Houston TX 77018			Charitable	8,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>3a</b>	<b>40,100</b>
b <i>Approved for future payment</i> N/A				
<b>Total</b>			<b>3b</b>	





**Part XIV** 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>				
<b>No Kid Hungry</b> 1030 15th St NW Washington DC 20005			<b>Charitable</b>	7,000
<b>Second Harvest Heartland</b> 7101 Winnetka Ave N Brooklyn Park MN 55428			<b>Charitable</b>	2,250
<b>St William Catholic School</b> 1822 Ravine St Janesville WI 53548			<b>Charitable</b>	350
<b>The Food Group MN</b> 8501 54th Ave N Minneapolis MN 55428			<b>Charitable</b>	2,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>3a</b>	
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
<b>N/A</b>				
<b>Total</b>			<b>3b</b>	

## Federal Statements

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

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
Tax Prep Fees	\$ 1,225	\$ 612	\$	\$ 613
Total	\$ 1,225	\$ 612	\$ 0	\$ 613

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

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

**Statement 3 - Form 990-PF, Part VII, Line 1 - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Etc.**

Name and Address	Title	Average Hours	Compensation	Benefits	Expenses
Melissa Dellwo 1 Main Street SE Minneapolis MN 55414	President	0.50	0	0	0
Kari Krause 1 Main Street SE Minneapolis MN 55414	Secretary	0.50	0	0	0
Jessica Caruso 1 Main Street SE, Suite 300 Minneapolis MN 55414	Treasurer	0.50	0	0	0
Bill Harding 1 Main Street SE Minneapolis MN 55414	Board Member	0.50	0	0	0
Lacy Lepisto 1 Main Street SE	Board Member	0.50	0	0	0

**Statement 3 - Form 990-PF, Part VII, Line 1 - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Etc.**  
**(continued)**

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Average Hours</u>	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Minneapolis MN 55414					
Mark Cline 1 Main Street SE Minneapolis MN 55414	Board Member	0.50	0	0	0
Scott Beard 1 Main Street Minneapolis MN 55414	Board Member	0.50	0	0	0

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Schedule B (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Merjent Foundation

83-1623599

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)( ) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the General Rule or a Special Rule.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

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

Special Rules

For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the General Rule applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year \$

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

Name of organization

**Merjent Foundation**

Employer identification number

**83-1623599**

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	Merjent, Inc. 800 Washington Ave N Suite 315 Minneapolis MN 55401	\$ 68,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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**Mail To:**  
Minnesota Attorney General's Office  
Charities Division  
445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1200  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2130

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

**Website Address:**  
*www.ag.state.mn.us/charity*

(Pursuant to Minn. Stat. ch. 309)

**SECTION A: Organization Information**

Legal Name of Organization Merjent Foundation

Federal EIN: 83-1623599

Fiscal Year-End: 12/31/2023

mm/dd/yyyy

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

<b>Mailing Address:</b> <u>Jessica Caruso</u> Contact Person  <u>1 Main Street SE, Suite 300</u> Street Address  <u>Minneapolis MN 55414</u> City, State, and Zip Code  <u>608-214-7355</u> Phone Number  Email Address	<b>Physical Address:</b> <u>Jessica Caruso</u> Contact Person  <u>1 Main Street SE, Suite 300</u> Street Address  <u>Minneapolis MN 55414</u> City, State, and Zip Code  <u>608-214-7355</u> Phone Number  Email Address
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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).

Merjent Foundation

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

5. Total amount of contributions the organization received from Minnesota donors: \$ 68,000

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>68,000</u>	1
2. Government Grants	\$ _____	2
3. Program Service Revenue	\$ _____	3
4. Other Revenue	\$ _____	4
<b>5. TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ <u>68,000</u></b>	<b>5</b>

**EXPENSES**

6. Program Expenses	\$ <u>40,100</u>	6
7. Management & General Expenses	\$ <u>1,250</u>	7
8. Fund-raising Expenses	\$ _____	8
<b>9. TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ <u>41,350</u></b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10. EXCESS or DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$ <u>26,650</u></b>	<b>10</b>
(Line 5 minus Line 9)		

**ASSETS**

11. Cash	\$ <u>99,735</u>	11
12. Land, Buildings & Equipment	\$ _____	12
13. Other Assets	\$ _____	13
<b>14. TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u>99,735</u></b>	<b>14</b>

**LIABILITIES**

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

**FUND BALANCE/NET WORTH**

(Line 14 minus Line 18)

\$ 99,735

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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.	40,100	40,100		
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	1,225	613	612	
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. <b>MN filing fees</b>	25	13	12	
b.				
c.				
d.				
<b>25. Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24d.	<b>41,350</b>	<b>40,726</b>	<b>624</b>	
<b>26. Joint costs.</b> 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 President (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.

Jessica Caruso  
Name (Print)

Melissa Dellwo  
Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Treasurer  
Title

President  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date