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Form 990-PF

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

2015

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For calendar year 2015, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015, and ending 12-31-2015

Name of foundation LAUGHING GULL FOUNDATION
A Employer identification number 36-4749289
B Telephone number (see instructions)
C If exemption application is pending, check here
D 1. Foreign organizations, check here
E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here
F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses

Table with 5 columns: (a) Revenue and expenses per books, (b) Net investment income, (c) Adjusted net income, (d) Disbursements for charitable purposes. Rows include Revenue (1-12), Operating and Administrative Expenses (13-26), and Summary (27-29).

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	3,321,605	4,745,880	4,745,880
	3 Accounts receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	4 Pledges receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions).			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ _____ 250,000 Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____	250,000	250,000	250,000
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		72,455	72,455
	10a Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)	9,576,660	11,428,207	12,626,663
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)	2,669,127	2,918,181	2,920,503
	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
	12 Investments—mortgage loans.			
	13 Investments—other (attach schedule)	1,052,096	749,250	749,374
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
15 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)				
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	16,869,488	20,163,973	21,364,875	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	13,601		
	18 Grants payable	186,843	9,000	
	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)	200,444	9,000	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.			
	24 Unrestricted	16,669,044	20,154,973	
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 31.			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund			
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	16,669,044	20,154,973	
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	16,869,488	20,163,973		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	16,669,044
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	6,796,612
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3	98,032
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	23,563,688
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	5	3,408,715
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	20,154,973

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, (a) 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co.)		How acquired P—Purchase (b) D—Donation	Date acquired (c) (mo, day, yr)	Date sold (d) (mo, day, yr)
1 a	PUBLICALLY TRADED SECURITIES	P		
b	PUBLICALLY TRADED SECURITIES	P		
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 3,419,963		3,537,580	-117,617
b 7,992,898		5,553,761	2,439,137
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			-117,617
b			2,439,137
c			
d			
e			

2	Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }	2	2,321,838
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 does not qualify under section 4940(e) Do not complete this part

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see 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))
2014	411,420	16,629,140	0.024741
2013	316,594	6,184,470	0.051192
2012		20,811	
2011			
2010			
2	Total of line 1, column (d).		2 0.075933
3	Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years		3 0.037967
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5.		4 22,485,121
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3.		5 853,693
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).		6 25,846
7	Add lines 5 and 6.		7 879,539
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.		8 977,989

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

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

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of 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	25,846
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2	
3	Add lines 1 and 2.	3	25,846
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	25,846
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6a	98,301
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	98,301
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8	
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	72,455
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2015 estimated tax 25,848 Refunded	11	46,607

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?		No
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)? <i>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.</i>		No
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		No
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.</i>		No
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? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>		No
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		No
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.</i>		No
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?	Yes	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV.</i>	Yes	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NC _____		
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 General Instruction G? <i>If "No," attach explanation.</i>	Yes	
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 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>		No
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses.</i>		No

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions).	11		No
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		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address N/A	13	Yes	
14	The books are in care of TRUXTON TRUST Telephone no (615) 515-1736 Located at 4525 HARDING ROAD SUITE 300 NASHVILLE TN ZIP+4 37205			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year 15			
16	At any time during calendar year 2015, 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 instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) If "Yes", enter the name of the foreign country	16	Yes	No

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)? <input type="checkbox"/> Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. <input type="checkbox"/>	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 2015?	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 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015? <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)	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 2015 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? (<i>Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2015.</i>)	3b	
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	No
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 2015?	4b	No

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

5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? Yes No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? Yes No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? Yes No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions). Yes No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? Yes No

b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did **any** of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Yes No
 Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here.

c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? Yes No
 If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d).

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? Yes No

b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? Yes No
 If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? Yes No

b If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? Yes No

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

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).

(a) Name and address	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
MARJORIE OWEN COWARD 1003 LAMOND AVENUE DURHAM, NC 27701	PRESIDENT 40 00	87,360	0	0
EMILY COWARD 1003 LAMOND AVENUE DURHAM, NC 27701	SECRETARY 5 00	0	0	0
MARJORIE WILLIAMS COWARD 1003 LAMOND AVENUE DURHAM, NC 27701	CHAIR 5 00	0	0	0
SARAH SCHWARTZ SAX 1003 LAMOND AVENUE DURHAM, NC 27701	TREASURER 5 00	0	0	0

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


(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
TOYA WALL 1003 LAMOND AVE DURHAM, NC 27701	PROGRAM OFFI 40 00	80,000		

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

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

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see 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	
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	18,942,148
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	3,385,262
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	500,124
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	22,827,534
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation).	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	22,827,534
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	342,413
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	22,485,121
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	1,124,256

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	1,124,256
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	25,846
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	25,846
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	1,098,410
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	1,098,410
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	1,098,410

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	977,989
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	977,989
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	25,846
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	952,143

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 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				1,098,410
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only.			280,791	
b Total for prior years 20___, 20___, 20___				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010.				
b From 2011.				
c From 2012.				
d From 2013.				
e From 2014.				
f Total of lines 3a through e.				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ <u>977,989</u>				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a			280,791	
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 2015 distributable amount.				697,198
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (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				
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 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2015				401,212
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 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions).				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2011.				
b Excess from 2012.				
c Excess from 2013.				
d Excess from 2014.				
e Excess from 2015.				

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 2015, enter the date of the ruling.

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

2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2015	(b) 2014	(c) 2013	(d) 2012	
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 organization 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))

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

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc. (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

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

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

c Any submission deadlines

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

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> See Additional Data Table				
Total				763,973
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
Total				3b

Form 990PF Part XV Line 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>				
CAMPAIGN FOR SOUTHERN EQUALITY PO BOX 364 ASHEVILLE, NC 28802	NONE	PC	GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT	20,000
CAMPAIGN FOR SOUTHERN EQUALITY PO BOX 364 ASHEVILLE, NC 28802	NONE	PC	POP-UP CLINIC	2,000
EQUALITY FEDERATION 567 SUTTER ST 3RD FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102	NONE	PC	SUPPORT SOUTHERN COHORT INITIATIVE	30,000
EQUALITY NC FOUNDATION 5121 HOLLY RIDGE RD RALEIGH, NC 27612	NONE	PC	FELLOW FOR FRFA COALITION	18,000
EQUALITY NC FOUNDATION 5121 HOLLY RIDGE RD RALIEGH, NC 27612	NONE	PC	GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT	20,000
EQUALITY NC FOUNDATION 5121 HOLLY RIDGE RD RALIEGH, NC 27612	NONE	PC	CONFERENCE STIPEND	1,875
EQUALITY VA 403 N ROBINSON ST RICHMOND, VA 23220	NONE	PC	GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT	20,000
EQUALITY VA 403 N ROBINSON ST RICHMOND, VA 23220	NONE	PC	CAPACITY BUILDING	1,200
EQUALITY VA 403 N ROBINSON ST RICHMOND, VA 23220	NONE	PC	CONFERENCE STIPEND	567
FREEDOM CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE PO BOX 9039 CHARLOTTE, NC 28299	NONE	PC	GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT	20,000
FREEDOM CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE PO BOX 9039 CHARLOTTE, NC 28299	NONE	PC	TRAVEL STIPEND	2,000
FUNDERS FOR LGBTQ ISSUES 116 E 16TH ST FLOOR 7 NEW YORK, NY 10003	NONE	PC	SUPPORT SOUTHERN FUNDING PROJECT	80,000
LGBT CENTER OF RALEIGH 411 HILLSBOROUGH ST RALEIGH, NC 27603	NONE	PC	SUPPORT YOUTH PROGRAMMING	2,000
LGBT CENTER OF RALEIGH 411 HILLSBOROUGH ST RALEIGH, NC 27603	NONE	PC	GENERAL OPERATING	20,000
NATIONAL BLACK JUSTICE COALITION 1325 MASS AVE STE 700 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	NONE	PC	SUPPORT SENIOR FELLOW FROM THE SOUTH	30,000
Total				763,973

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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>				
ROSMY 2311 WESTWOOD AVE RICHMOND,VA 23230	NONE	PC	GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT	20,000
ROSMY 2311 WESTWOOD AVE RICHMOND,VA 23230	NONE	PC	CAPACITY BUILDING	2,000
SOUTHERNERS ON NEW GROUND 250 GEORGIA AVE STE 315 ATLANTA,GA 30312	NONE	PC	SUPPORT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROG	20,000
SOUTHERNERS ON NEW GROUND 250 GEORGIA AVE STE 315 ATLANTA,GA 30312	NONE	PC	SUPPORT ANNUAL GATHERING	20,000
TIME OUT YOUTH CENTER 2320-A N DAVIDSON ST CHARLOTTE,NC 28205	NONE	PC	GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT	20,000
TIME OUT YOUTH CENTER 2320-A N DAVIDSON ST CHARLOTTE,NC 28205	NONE	PC	SCHOLARSHIP	2,000
TIME OUT YOUTH CENTER 2320-A N DAVIDSON ST CHARLOTTE,NC 28205	NONE	PC	STAFF POSITION	5,000
COMMUNITY FOUND OF GREENSBORO 330 S GREENE ST 100 GREENSBORO,NC 27401	NONE	PC	LGBTQ LEADERSHIP PROJECT	12,320
BOLDER GIVING 330 WEST 38TH ST STE 505 NEW YORK,NY 10018	NONE	PC	CREATION OF SOUTHERN LEADER BOARD	20,000
LGBT CENTER OF DURHAM 114 HUNT STREET DURHAM,NC 27701	NONE	PC	BOARD DEVELOPMENT	15,000
RAND CORPORATION 1776 MAIN STREET SANTA MONICA,CA 90401	NONE	PC	PATHWAYS FROM PRISON PROJECT	49,943
TENNESSEE HIGHER EDUCATION INITIATI 7400 COCKRILL BEND BLVD NASHVILLE,TN 37209	NONE	PC	CREDIT COURSES & PART TIME COORDINAT	46,000
SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE 109 CAMPUS DR ALBERTA,VA 23821	NONE	PC	CAMPUS WITHIN WALLS	43,500
RAPPAHANNOCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE 12745 COLLEGE DR SALUDA,VA 23149	NONE	PC	HAYNESVILLE CORRECTION CENTER PROGRA	25,000
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA 153A COUNTRY CLUB ROAD CHAPEL HILL,NC 27514	NONE	PC	PRISON EDUCATION PROGRAM	40,000
Total			3a	763,973

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Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
LIFE UNIVERSITY 1269 BARCLAY CIRCLE MARIETTA, GA 30060	NONE	PC	PROJECT CHILLON	40,000
COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP 475 RIVERSIDE DR 1626 NEW YORK, NY 10115	NONE	PC	EIO REAL ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN	40,000
BELMONT UNIVERSITY 1900 BELMONT BLVD NASHVILLE, TN 37212	NONE	PC	NCHEP	35,000
AUBURN UNIVERSITY 100 MARY MARTIN HALL AUBURN UNIVERSITY, AL 36849	NONE	PC	AL PRISON ARTS & EDUCATION	40,000
THE RUDOLF STEINER FOUNDATION 1002A OREILLY AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94129	NONE	PC	GENERAL OPERATING	568
Total				763,973

TY 2015 Accounting Fees Schedule

Name: LAUGHING GULL FOUNDATION

EIN: 36-4749289

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
INDIRECT ACCOUNTING FEES	3,232			

TY 2015 Investments Corporate Bonds Schedule

Name: LAUGHING GULL FOUNDATION

EIN: 36-4749289

Name of Bond	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE	2,918,181	2,920,503

TY 2015 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule

Name: LAUGHING GULL FOUNDATION

EIN: 36-4749289

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE	11,428,207	12,626,663

TY 2015 Investments - Other Schedule

Name: LAUGHING GULL FOUNDATION

EIN: 36-4749289

Category/ Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
RSF SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND	AT COST	250,000	250,124
ARAVAIPA VENTURE FUND, LLC	AT COST	285,275	285,275
ECOTRUST FORESTS II, LLC	AT COST	209,727	209,727
GALIURO VENTURES, LLC	AT COST	4,248	4,248
SELF HELP CREDIT UNION CD	AT COST		
GOLDMAN SACHS CD	AT COST		

TY 2015 Other Decreases Schedule

Name: LAUGHING GULL FOUNDATION

EIN: 36-4749289

Description	Amount
FMV/ DISPOSITION > COST DONATED SECURITIES	3,408,715

TY 2015 Other Expenses Schedule

Name: LAUGHING GULL FOUNDATION

EIN: 36-4749289

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
EXPENSES				
INSURANCE	2,126			
DUES & MEMBERSHIPS	4,924			3,693
OFFICE EXPENSE	7,274			
WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	1,508			
MISCELLANEOUS	1,801			

TY 2015 Other Income Schedule**Name:** LAUGHING GULL FOUNDATION**EIN:** 36-4749289

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
TRUXTON TRUST	6,137	6,137	
ARAVAIPA (ORDINARY)	-60,766		
GALIURO (ORDINARY)	-640		
ECOTRUST (ORDINARY)	-34,501		

TY 2015 Other Increases Schedule

Name: LAUGHING GULL FOUNDATION

EIN: 36-4749289

Description	Amount
PARTNERSHIP BASIS ADJUSTMENTS	98,032

TY 2015 Other Liabilities Schedule

Name: LAUGHING GULL FOUNDATION

EIN: 36-4749289

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value
PAYABLE TO OFFICER		

TY 2015 Other Notes/Loans Receivable Short Schedule

Name: LAUGHING GULL FOUNDATION

EIN: 36-4749289

Name of 501(c)(3) Organization	Balance Due
NATURAL CAPITAL INV FD 102213 2	250,000

TY 2015 Other Professional Fees Schedule

Name: LAUGHING GULL FOUNDATION

EIN: 36-4749289

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
INVESTMENT MGMT - TRUXTON TRUST	229,717	114,859		57,429
CONSULTING	2,500			

TY 2015 Taxes Schedule

Name: LAUGHING GULL FOUNDATION

EIN: 36-4749289

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
FOREIGN TAXES WITHHELD	3,801	3,801		
EXCISE TAX	197,163			

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and its instructions is at
www.irs.gov/form990.

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Name of the organization

LAUGHING GULL FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

36-4749289

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 other 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 33¹/₃% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000 or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

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

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not 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 is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Name of organization LAUGHING GULL FOUNDATION	Employer identification number 36-4749289
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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	TRUXTON TRUST CUSTODIAN 4525 HARDING ROAD SUITE 300 NASHVILLE, TN 37205	\$ 5,518,737	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" 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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Part II Noncash Property
(see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
1	PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES	\$5,518,737	2015-01-09

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$	

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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
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		\$	

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$	

Name of organization
LAUGHING GULL FOUNDATION

Employer identification number
36-4749289

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

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

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
_____	_____
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
.	_____	_____	_____
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(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
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