

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

2008

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Note. The foundation may be able to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

For calendar year **2008**, or tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

G Check all that apply: Initial return Final return Amended return Address change Name change

Use the IRS label. Otherwise, print or type. See Specific Instructions.	Name of foundation C.K. BLANDIN FOUNDATION Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 100 N POKEGAMA AVENUE City or town, state, and ZIP code GRAND RAPIDS, MN 55744	A Employer identification number 41-6038619 B Telephone number 218-326-0523
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		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/> D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) \$ 331,825,635. (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/> F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
J Accounting method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____		

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses <small>(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a).)</small>		(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	18,477,822.			
	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	1,539,930.	1,539,930.		STATEMENT 1
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	-1,330,537.			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		0.		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less: Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss)					
11 Other income	5,049.	1,085,727.		STATEMENT 2	
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	18,692,264.	2,625,657.			
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc. <i>STMT 16</i>	525,444.	0.	0.	523,864.
	14 Other employee salaries and wages	1,709,809.	0.	0.	1,704,904.
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits	519,283.	0.	0.	681,341.
	16a Legal fees <i>STMT 3</i>	191,824.	0.	0.	191,824.
	b Accounting fees <i>STMT 4</i>	57,532.	0.	0.	57,532.
	c Other professional fees <i>STMT 5</i>	2,102,281.	252,070.	0.	1,940,201.
	17 Interest	884,945.	0.	0.	890,581.
	18 Taxes <i>STMT 6</i>	19,951.	20,455.	0.	148,900.
	19 Depreciation and depletion	240,895.	0.	0.	
	20 Occupancy	163,435.	0.	0.	162,988.
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings <i>STMT 25</i>	880,194.	0.	0.	881,480.
	22 Printing and publications	197,236.	0.	0.	196,317.
	23 Other expenses <i>STMT 7</i>	664,445.	0.	0.	694,667.
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23 <i>SEE FOOTNOTE BELOW</i>	8,157,274.	272,525.	0.	8,074,599.
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	12,486,053.			13,915,649.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	20,643,327.	272,525.	0.	21,990,248.	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-1,951,063.				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		2,353,132.			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			0.		

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Form **990-PF** (2008)

823504-01-0: SEE STATEMENT 19 FOR A NARRATIVE REGARDING THE FOUNDATION'S CHARITABLE OPERATING PROGRAMS AND STATEMENT 27 FOR THE BREAKDOWN OF ADMINISTRATIVE VS. CHARITABLE OPERATING PROGRAM EXPENSE.

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.		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	879,187.	917,537.	917,537.	
	3	Accounts receivable				
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	4,526.			
	4	Pledges receivable				
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts				
	5	Grants receivable	1,136,475.	31,186.	31,186.	
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons				
	7	Other notes and loans receivable				
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts				
	8	Inventories for sale or use				
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	146,180.	248,917.	248,917.	
	10a	Investments - U.S. and state government obligations STMT 10	10,809,249.	6,714,115.	6,714,115.	
	b	Investments - corporate stock STMT 11	32,679,769.	20,407,244.	20,407,244.	
	c	Investments - corporate bonds STMT 12	0.	57,567.	57,567.	
	11	Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis				
	Less: accumulated depreciation					
12	Investments - mortgage loans					
13	Investments - other STMT 13	25,493,765.	22,258,326.	22,258,326.		
14	Land, buildings, and equipment: basis STMT 9	7,132,577.				
	Less: accumulated depreciation STMT 9	4,261,673.	3,116,040.	2,870,904.		
15	Other assets (describe STATEMENT 14)	398,574,107.	278,319,839.	278,319,839.		
16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers)	472,839,298.	331,825,635.	331,825,635.		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,137,737.	1,581,272.		
	18	Grants payable STMT 23	13,035,108.	12,162,843.		
	19	Deferred revenue				
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons				
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable	17,015,000.	15,960,000.		
	22	Other liabilities (describe)	132,320.	0.		
23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	32,320,165.	29,704,115.			
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	43,900,319.	25,680,007.		
	25	Temporarily restricted				
	26	Permanently restricted	396,618,814.	276,441,513.		
	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	440,519,133.	302,121,520.			
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	472,839,298.	331,825,635.			

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	440,519,133.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-1,951,063.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize)	3	0.
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	438,568,070.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) SEE STATEMENT 8	5	136,446,550.
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	302,121,520.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a STCG FROM PARTNERSHIPS-SEE STMT 26A				
1b LTCG FROM PARTNERSHIPS-SEE STMT 26A				
1c STCG FROM LOWRY HILL INVESTMENT-SEE STMT 26B				
1d LTCG FROM LOWRY HILL INVESTMENT-SEE STMT 26B				
1e CAPTIAL GAIN FROM LOWRY HILL INVESTMENT 26B				
(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			-111,649.	
b			487,368.	
c			-1,312,636.	
d			-271,762.	
e			63,995.	
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69				(i) Gains (col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
(i) F.M.V. as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any		
a			-111,649.	
b			487,368.	
c			-1,312,636.	
d			-271,762.	
e			63,995.	
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 -1,144,684.
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). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8				3 N/A

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))
2007	26,498,737.	69,792,660.	.379678
2006	20,535,531.	64,714,152.	.317327
2005	15,417,367.	50,212,507.	.307042
2004	35,957,818.	46,609,187.	.771475
2003	15,303,174.	39,584,487.	.386595
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			2 2.162117
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 .432423
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2008 from Part X, line 5			4 59,816,097.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5 25,865,856.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			6 23,531.
7 Add lines 5 and 6			7 25,889,387.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4			8 22,502,042.

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 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 letter: _____ (attach copy of ruling letter if necessary-see instructions)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	47,063.
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2	0.
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	47,063.
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	47,063.
6	Credits/Payments:		
a	2008 estimated tax payments and 2007 overpayment credited to 2008	6a	82,967.
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	82,967.
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	35,904.
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2009 estimated tax 35,904. Refunded	11	0.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a		X
1b		X
1c		X
2		X
3	X	
4a	X	
4b	X	
5		X
6	X	
7	X	
8a		
8b	X	
9		X
10		X

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions)
12 Did the foundation acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract before August 17, 2008?
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?
Website address WWW.BLANDINFOUNDAATION.ORG
14 The books are in care of JEAN LANE Telephone no. 218-326-0523
Located at 100 N. POKEGAMA AVE., GRAND RAPIDS, MN ZIP+4 55744
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 N/A

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

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

1a During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?
(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)?
(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.)
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see page 20 of the instructions)?
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here
c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2008?
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 2008, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2008?
If "Yes," list the years
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions.)
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here.
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2008 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2008.)
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2008?

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

- 5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:
- (1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? Yes No
 - (2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? Yes No
 - (3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? Yes No
 - (4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)? 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)?
 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 you answered "Yes" to 6b, also 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? N/A

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.

(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 16		525,444.	35,812.	0.

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1). 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
VALERIE SHANGREUX 100 N. POKEGAMA AVE. , GRAND RAPIDS,	LEADERSHIP DIRECTOR 40.00	126,169.	9,268.	0.
WADE FAUTH 100 N. POKEGAMA AVE. , GRAND RAPIDS,	GRANTS DIRECTOR 40.00	123,010.	14,707.	0.
BERNADINE JOSELYN 100 N. POKEGAMA AVE. , GRAND RAPIDS,	PUBLIC POLICY AND ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR 40.00	122,087.	14,576.	0.
JACKSON HUNTLEY 100 N. POKEGAMA AVE. , GRAND RAPIDS,	LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND DESIGN MANAGER 40.00	115,265.	13,503.	0.
JANET BORTH 100 N. POKEGAMA AVE. , GRAND RAPIDS,	HR/BOARD SERVICES DIRECTOR 40.00	94,871.	9,468.	0.

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 8

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

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
MEASE & TRUDEAU, INC. 821 RAYMOND AVE, SUITE 300, ST. PAUL, MN 55114	LEADERSHIP DESIGN & TRAINING	137,400.
MARY JO WIMMER 26152 COUNTY RD 439, GRAND RAPIDS, MN 55744	LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS CONSULTING	91,725.
MOSS CAIRNS, LLC 1766 JAMES AVE S, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55403	PUBLIC POLICY & ENGAGEMENT	81,175.
BILL COLEMAN 1732 BRIARWOOD AVE., MAHTOMEDI, MN 55115	PUBLIC POLICY & ENGAGEMENT	75,950.
JOHN WHITEHEAD 2402 UNIVERSITY AVE W #600, ST. PAUL, MN 55114	PUBLIC POLICY & ENGAGEMENT	73,973.
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services		7

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 SEE STATEMENTS 19 & 27 FOR DETAIL OF DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES.	4,505,006.
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.

	Amount
1 COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT FUND	250,000.
2 GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	175,000.
3 All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	425,000.

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	59,673,217.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	676,612.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	377,173.
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	60,727,002.
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	60,727,002.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	910,905.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	59,816,097.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	2,990,805.

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	2,990,805.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2008 from Part VI, line 5	2a	47,063.
b	Income tax for 2008. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	47,063.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	2,943,742.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	2,943,742.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	0.
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	2,943,742.

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	21,990,248.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	425,000.
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	86,794.
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	22,502,042.
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	5	0.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	22,502,042.

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 2007	(c) 2007	(d) 2008
1 Distributable amount for 2008 from Part XI, line 7				2,943,742.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2007:				
a Enter amount for 2007 only			0.	
b Total for prior years:		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2008:				
a From 2003				
b From 2004				
c From 2005				
d From 2006				
e From 2007	17748641.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	17,748,641.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2008 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$ 22,502,042.				
a Applied to 2007, but not more than line 2a			0.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions) **	22,502,042.			
d Applied to 2008 distributable amount				0.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2008 (if an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)	2,943,742.			2,943,742.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5	37,306,941.			
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2007. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr.			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2008. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2009				0.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2003 not applied on line 5 or line 7	0.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2009. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	37,306,941.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2004				
b Excess from 2005				
c Excess from 2006				
d Excess from 2007	14804899.			
e Excess from 2008	22502042.			

** SEE STATEMENT 17

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

1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2008, 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)

	Prior 3 years				(e) Total
	Tax year (a) 2008	(b) 2007	(c) 2006	(d) 2005	
2 a 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 the instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:
a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)

NONE

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.

NONE

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

a The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom applications should be addressed:
SEE STATEMENT 20

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:
SEE STATEMENT 20

c Any submission deadlines:
SEE STATEMENT 20

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:
SEE STATEMENT 20

Part XV 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
<i>a</i> Paid during the year				
COMMUNITY GRANTS - SEE STATEMENT 21				6,458,116.
GRAND RAPIDS/ITASCA COUNTY AREA GRANTS - SEE STATEMENT 21				7,457,533.
Total				▶ 3a 13,915,649.
<i>b</i> Approved for future payment				
COMMUNITY GRANTS - SEE STATEMENT 23				4,262,720.
GRAND RAPIDS/ITASCA COUNTY AREA GRANTS - SEE STATEMENT 23				8,613,864.
DISCOUNTS				-713,741.
Total				▶ 3b 12,162,843.

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

Table with 5 main columns: (a) Business code, (b) Amount, (c) Exclusion code, (d) Amount, (e) Related or exempt function income. Rows include 1 Program service revenue, 2 Membership dues, 3 Interest on savings, 4 Dividends and interest from securities, 5 Net rental income from real estate, 6 Net rental income from personal property, 7 Other investment income, 8 Gain or loss from sales of assets other than inventory, 9 Net income from special events, 10 Gross profit from sales of inventory, 11 Other revenue, 12 Subtotal, and 13 Total.

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations.)

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

Table with 2 columns: Line No. and Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XVI-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the foundation's exempt purposes. The first row contains the text 'NOT APPLICABLE'.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions about transfers of cash/assets, other transactions (sales, purchases, rental, reimbursement, loans, services), and sharing of facilities.

Table with 4 columns: (a) Line no., (b) Amount involved, (c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization, (d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements. Content is mostly N/A.

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? [] Yes [X] No

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name of organization, (b) Type of organization, (c) Description of relationship. Content is mostly N/A.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer or fiduciary) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature area containing: Signature of officer or trustee, Date (3/11/2009), Title, Preparer's signature (Larson Allen LLP), Firm's name and address (220 South Sixth Street, Suite 300, Minneapolis, MN 55402), EIN, and Phone no. (612-376-4500).

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, and 990-PF.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2008

Name of the organization

C.K. BLANDIN FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

41-6038619

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 organizations filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

Special Rules

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

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

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, some contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate to 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 of \$5,000 or more during the year.) ▶ \$ _____

Caution. Organizations that are not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules do not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but they **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2 of their Form 990, or check the box in the heading of their Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of their Form 990-PF, to certify that they do not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2008)

Name of organization C.K. BLANDIN FOUNDATION	Employer identification number 41-6038619
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Part I Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	C.K. BLANDIN RESIDUARY TRUST, EIN: 41-6012374, ACCOUNT 11596 100 N POKEGAMA AVENUE GRAND RAPIDS, MN 55744	\$ 17,727,822.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2	BUSH FOUNDATION 332 MINNESOTA STREET SUITE EAST 900 ST. PAUL, MN 55101	\$ 750,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
		\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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