# NONPROFIT NOMINATION FORM

As an eligible\* member of Elk Rapids Area 100 Women Who Care, I nominate the following nonprofit organization to be considered for the group's next collective donation. I understand that the following information is true to the best of my knowledge and that the donation will be used in Antrim County.

\*I have made my \$100 donation for the *previous* meeting's recipient.

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

I also agree to make a 5 minute presentation using the information provided below at the group's next meeting.	
Email * susan.hibbard@gmail.com	
MY NAME * Susan Hibbard	
ORGANIZATION NAME *  Launch to Leaderdship	
ORGANIZATION WEBSITE AND/OR FACEBOOK PAGE *  NA	

### MISSION/PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION \*

The mission of Launch to Leadership is to inspire youth in 7th to 12th grade to lead and have positive impact in our community by recognizing leadership qualities in themselves and in others, and learning to put them into action. Launch to Leadership accomplishes this by teaching the Vowels of Leadership. Leaders are A - Active, E - Empathetic, I - Informed, O - Open, U - Unshakeable, and they have a Yes! Can-do approach, in addition to knowing the "Why.". The students explore these Vowels of Leadership through a variety of activities, including a Gallup Strengths survey, case studies, and interviewing leaders in the community. Recent local leaders to share their insights include: Joe Short, Bill Marsh Jr, Dr Nick Nissley, Laura Asiala, Senator John DaMoose, local author Doug Stanton, Elk Rapids graduate and local consultant Leah Bagden MacCallum and our own Nancy Baker, among others. After exploring leadership during four Launch Events, the student participants spend the final event drafting a vision statement for their leadership journey and presenting it to their peers.

WHEN WAS	THE ORGAN	IIZATION E	STABLISHED? *

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## SERVICE AREA THE ORGANIZATION SERVES (MUST INCLUDE ANTRIM COUNTY) \*

Participants are selected to participate in Launch to Leadership by the Middle and High School Principals who collaborate with teachers and coaches in the selection process. There are two cohorts per year with two students from each grade, 7th through 12th selected or 24 participants per year. Now in its 5th year of operation, Launch to Leadership has served over 100 Elk Rapids Schools students from Antrim, Kalkaska and Grand Traverse counties. The participants leverage these skills in classes, sports, National Honor Society, Michigan Youth in Government and a host of community activities.

### ANNUAL ORGANIZATION BUDGET AND PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCES \*

The program's annual budget is \$25,000 funding event expenses and one part-time staff member to lead and manage the program. This includes participant selection, program development and facilitation, securing venues, activities and leader speakers as well as communications to program participants and parents. To-date, funding has been provided by private donations.

### WHAT COMMUNITY NEED WOULD OUR DONATION HELP MEET? \*

Each of the organizations to which 100 Women gives grants has one thing in common - a Leader who saw a challenge and took action leveraging their unique strengths to create positive change. Launch to Leadership will help ensure that organizations like 100 Women and those we support have a pipeline of leaders for the future.

# PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF HOW OUR GIFT WOULD BE UTILIZED. INCLUDE A SPECIFIC DOLLAR ESTIMATE AND TIMING OF IMPLEMENTATION.

This donation would be used in two ways: contribute to an endowment fund and to fund operations. One of the founders has established an endowment fund with the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation with the expressed purpose of supporting youth leadership. Currently the program receives roughly \$4,000 annually from this endowment fund. 50% of the 100 Women grant would go towards this endowment fund to sustain the program for years to come and enable the organization to focus 100% of their efforts on the mission - the youth. The other 50% of the 100 Women grant would support the annual operational budget for this year.

### MY RELATIONSHIP/EXPERIENCE WITH THIS ORGANIZATION \*

My son was fortunate to participate in the program in the 7th grade. At a time when kids struggle just trying to fit in and blend in, having a program highlight that each member of the cohort is unique and talented in different ways is powerful. Now in 9th grade, he still leverages the learnings from the program to tap into his leadership strengths and those of his peers.

### OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You may provide one additional document that helps support your request. Just email the document to <a href="mailto:100womenelkrapids@gmail.com">100womenelkrapids@gmail.com</a>, being sure to identify it as supporting a specific nomination, and it will be attached to this Nonprofit Nomination Form for viewing by our members on our website.

In the interest of brevity, please limit document length to two pages. Longer documents may not be posted.

### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Please complete information below that will be used for communication and funding purposes. It does NOT have to be included in your presentation.

ORGANIZATION'S TAX ID/501(c)3 NUMBER \*

92-3294287

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REVISION DATE (Please provide this date for every revision you make. Use the "Initial Submission Date" above if this is your Initial Submission.)

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## FORM SUBMISSION

Submit form by pressing the "Submit" button below.

Any questions, email <a href="mailto:100womenelkrapids@gmail.com">100womenelkrapids@gmail.com</a>

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