

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 Leadership

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 a positive impact in our community. We accomplish this by teaching them to recognize leadership qualities in themselves and others, and inspiring them to put those qualities into action. We focus on the Vowels of Leadership, encouraging young leaders to be: A - Active, E - Empathetic, I - Informed, O - Open, U - Unshakeable, and have a Yes! Can-do approach, in addition to knowing and conveying the "Why" of what they do. 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 who have shared their experiences and insights include: Joe Short, Bill Marsh Jr, NMC President Dr Nick Nissley, Sustainability Leader and ER grad Laura Asiala, Senator John DaMoose, local author Doug Stanton, local consultant and ER grad Leah Bagden MacCallum, Tribal Judge Joanne Cook, Brigadier General and ER grad Scott Dennis, and our own Nancy Baker. After exploring leadership during four Launch Events, the student participants spend the final event drafting a vision statement for their personal leadership journey, then presenting it to their peers.

WHEN WAS THE ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED? *

2020

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

Participants are selected to participate in Launch to Leadership by the Elk Rapids 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, equaling 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. Participants apply and hone the leadership 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, one part-time staff member to lead and manage the program and an additional part-time staff member to assist with administrative assignments and co-facilitation. This small team works on program development, participant selection, workshop preparation, workshop facilitation, securing venues and speakers, communications to program participants and parents, as well as marketing and fund-raising. Funding to-date has been provided by private donations. Launch to Leadership is a 501c3 organization that does not receive funding through the Elk Rapids schools.

WHAT COMMUNITY NEED WOULD OUR DONATION HELP MEET? *

Behind every organization supported by 100 Women is a leader who saw a need and took action to make a difference. Launch to Leadership is preparing the next generation to do the same. 100 Women brings together talented women who are making a meaningful difference in our community. By investing in Launch to Leadership, you are helping develop the next generation of leaders who will carry that same spirit of leadership and service into 100 Women, the organizations you support, and all aspects of our community for years to come.

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

If Launch to Leadership should receive this award, the Launch board will allocate the amount, up to \$25,000, to the Launch to Leadership Fund at the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation. Such an addition will endow one Launch participant in perpetuity, reducing or eliminating the onus of perpetual fundraising for that chair. Nine chairs have already been endowed. Fifteen more are needed. Any amount exceeding \$25,000 will be dedicated to the operating expenses of the two cohorts of twelve participants each in the school year ahead.

Founders and future participants of Launch to Leadership will greatly appreciate the support of 100 Women. Further, the Launch board invites the support of individuals who, like the founders, may have debts that can only be paid forward.

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, having a program highlight that each member of the cohort is unique and talented in different ways is powerful. Now in 10th grade, he still leverages the learnings from the program to tap into his leadership strengths and those of his peers. Launch to Leadership was a powerful experience that I believe my son will remember, carry with him and apply in leadership roles throughout his life.

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You may provide one additional document that helps support your request. Just email the document to pegasmus1@comcast.net 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

ORGANIZATION'S CONTACT PERSON *

Paul Wonacott

CONTACT PERSON'S EMAIL ADDRESS *

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ORGANIZATION'S STREET ADDRESS *

PO Box 342

ORGANIZATION'S CITY *

Elk Rapids

ORGANIZATION'S ZIP CODE *

49629

ORGANIZATION'S PHONE NUMBER *

231-534-4961

INITIAL SUBMISSION DATE *

MM DD YYYY

08 / 13 / 2026

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

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