

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 *

pegwhisler@gmail.com

MY NAME *

Peg Whisler

ORGANIZATION NAME *

Communities in Schools of Northwest Michigan, Inc

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE AND/OR FACEBOOK PAGE *

<https://cisnwmi.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/cisnwmi>

MISSION/PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION *

Mission: Surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

Vision: Every child in our community graduates from high school prepared for future education, work, & Life.

As the nation's leading dropout prevention organization, Communities In Schools is the only one proven to both decrease dropout rates and increase graduation rates. All the data is collected to show and demonstrate this.

WHEN WAS THE ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED? *

CIS began serving Mancelona school in 2001. As of this calendar year, CIS has been serving schools across Northwest Michigan for over 25 years! CIS is in 29 states and DC with over 2 millions students being helped.

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

There are 4 school districts within Antrim County being serviced as of the 25-26 School Year. This includes: Mancelona (3 schools), Central Lake, Ellsworth and Elk Rapids. This includes about 150 case managed students that receive caring adult support from the CIS coordinators placed inside the schools. CIS hires and trains the site coordinators full-time in the school (37.5 hours/week). Many of the students receiving help are considered at risk due to being part of families with significant financial hardships, struggles with emotional regulation skills and mental wellness, students who qualify for special education services, and kids that have experienced various forms of trauma or adverse childhood experiences. These are the students that Communities in Schools are working with to keep them coming to school, advancing to the next grade levels, trying to make and keep friends, building self confidence and self esteem and maintaining a sense of hope and connection via the relationship created with the CIS coordinators.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION BUDGET AND PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCES *

The total budget for CIS of Norwest Michigan (including schools outside of Antrim County) is approximately \$1.2 million. Approximately half of this amount is aligned to service the 4 school districts and 6 schools in Antrim County. A portion of the funding is covered by each school when entering into a contract with CIS for a 3 year period. This amount grows overtime but is frontloaded by CIS funds to begin service (this is the case with Elk Rapids for this calendar year). As schools are added, there are grants that can be applied for from the National CIS organization to help support the costs. The grants EXPIRE after 3 years. Beyond this, CIS is in a position to fund raise the balance of financial support needed from Corporate Sponsors, some Foundations and Individual Doners. Fundraising is a critical element to sustain and support all the schools, kids and families that have been brought under service contracts within Antrim County.

WHAT COMMUNITY NEED WOULD OUR DONATION HELP MEET? *

The needs for these at risk students vary family by family but include many of the following items that CIS is available to help provide directly or by connecting families with other community organizations:

* On site and in school support as needed by students and teachers requests directly. This is a big differentiator of why CIS is successful. Being in the schools to see and hear the needs from students first hand, every day.

* Basic needs like clean clothes and shoes

• Transportation to get students to and from school or parents to and from work

• Trauma support and counseling

• Housing and food where needed

• Access to technology to complete school work and assignments

• Access to mental or physical healthcare for students and families

• Self regulation skills for students that are lacking coping skills and experiencing anxiety at home and in the classroom

*After school study options in a safe environment

*Mentors (Big Brothers/Sisters), Tutors for academic needs

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

There is a very compelling need that has been identified within Antrim County this year. Ellsworth Schools are experiencing a significant budget crisis with large financial cuts being made for the next several years. In discussions with the school superintendent, CIS has been told that Ellsworth Schools does not have the funds to to continue the partnership with CIS for the next school year (26-27). Our donation from 100 Women who Care would go directly to support the \$40000 shortfall to stay in the Ellsworth schools in the coming calendar year. This is the amount that Ellsworth Schools is expected to cover to continue the service. With the cuts being made in teachers, administrative positions, and school programs, Community in Schools services are needed now more than ever!! CIS is seeking funding from multiple sources to secure the shortfall for Ellsworth. Our goal is continue the services during this critical time for the district.

MY RELATIONSHIP/EXPERIENCE WITH THIS ORGANIZATION *

I joined the Board of Director for Communities in Schools in the fall of 2025. I currently have agreed to serve on the Board for a minimum of 3 years helping to advance the Mission and Vision of the organization and drive local engagement from our communities where I can. I have been supporting this nonprofit organization as a community member for the last several years.

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You may provide one additional document that helps support your request. Just email the document to 100womenelkrapids@gmail.com, 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 *

27-0726563

ORGANIZATION'S CONTACT PERSON *

Amy Burk, Executive Director

CONTACT PERSON'S EMAIL ADDRESS *

aburk@cisnwmi.org

ORGANIZATION'S STREET ADDRESS *

207 Grove Street

ORGANIZATION'S CITY *

Mancelona

ORGANIZATION'S ZIP CODE *

49659

ORGANIZATION'S PHONE NUMBER *

231-280-5177

INITIAL SUBMISSION DATE *

MM DD YYYY

05 / 22 / 2024

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

MM DD YYYY

05 / 14 / 2026

FORM SUBMISSION

Submit form by pressing the "Submit" button below.

Any questions, email 100womenelkrapids@gmail.com

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