

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 School Northwest Michigan, Inc

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE AND/OR FACEBOOK PAGE *

<https://cisnwmi.org>

MISSION/PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION *

The Mission of CIS is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

CIS assistance addresses various student challenges such as attendance, academics, behavior, and college/career preparation. They help students manage mental and emotional health concerns, deal with trauma, provide food assistance, teach life skills, and obtain health services. CIS coordinators partner with teachers and the schools to understand overall needs and then can coordinate with the community, businesses, health care providers, and nonprofits to bring outside resources inside schools and do whatever it takes to help students succeed. This can include direct tutoring, mentoring, and therapy as required.

WHEN WAS THE ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED? *

CIS has serviced Antrim county since 2001.

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

CIS places a full time Coordinator in each school served. Currently in Antrim County, they are working with 6 schools: Elk Rapids, Ellsworth, Mancelona (3 schools), and Central Lake.

Based on typical needs at each school, CIS will provide direct, case-managed support to approximately 165 to 200 students and their families during the school year. Each student has a specific goal based program set up to help them with their specific and individual needs. There are additional programs that offer assistance school-wide such as: family engagement activities (cooking/nutrition education, game night, etc.), group workshops (examples include: coping skills, mindfulness training, anxiety management), or overall support of basic needs (providing supplies like school materials or food/snacks.) Thousands of students in Antrim County will receive some support and help from CIS each year.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION BUDGET AND PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCES *

CIS uses a cost model of \$90000 per school per year. With the addition of Elk Rapids, the overall budget for Antrim County will be approximately \$540,000 (6 schools).

To cover the expected costs per school, there is a combination of approaches that are used:

- * Grants from National Communities in Schools. However, not all the schools in Antrim County have this support. Note: these grants expire after 3 years.
- * School District contributions. Each school is expected to contribute a portion of the funds needed for CIS to support their school. The amount contributed varies based on the overall school budget and can vary year to year and from school to school. All schools have committed to funding this service for the current school year so CIS fundraising is currently focused on future sustainability of the schools being served each year.
- * Foundation donations
- * Individual Donors
- * Corporate Sponsors

There is an ongoing fund raising effort and focus looking out 3-5 years ahead to ensure donations are being secured. The volunteer board of directors (9 people) provide oversight to ensure funds are in place to help sustain the schools that have been taken on.

WHAT COMMUNITY NEED WOULD OUR DONATION HELP MEET? *

In Antrim County, countless students quietly navigate poverty and life without the family support many of us take for granted. Communities In Schools becomes these student's lifeline—guiding them through schoolwork and stressful classes but also so many more things beyond academics. This can be helping students prepare for prom or senior pictures, hosting family nights through the year, matching students with mentors or big brothers/sisters, assisting students in building social and emotional skills, taking students on career exploration days, supporting students through driver's training tests, and even connecting families with emergency resources when a well or furnace fails in their home. Helping all students succeed is the guiding ambition, and it looks different for every student.

Each case managed students have goals that are tracked and monitored by CIS. Here are just some of the achievements from the 2024/2025 school year:

- * 96% of students with an attendance goal met or made progress towards their goal.
 - * 96% of students with a behavior goal met or made progress towards their goal.
 - * 90% of students with an academic goal met or made progress towards their goal.
 - * 93% of students with a social emotional learning goal met or made progress towards their goal.
 - * 100% of students with a college/career readiness goal met or made progress towards their goal.
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PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF HOW OUR GIFT WOULD BE UTILIZED. INCLUDE A SPECIFIC DOLLAR ESTIMATE AND TIMING OF IMPLEMENTATION.

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A donation from 100 Women would offer continued sustainability for the CIS Model in the schools served in Antrim County. Grant funds come and go and we need to continue to focus on braided funding to support their efforts. This means CIS uses several funding sources to strengthen their one overall program, but each source remains clearly tracked and compliant with its own requirements. Out of the six school sites where CIS has placed site coordinators, 3 are supported through CIS National grants that expire after 3 years. One of the sites will no longer have funding through this grant next school year. Of the three sites not funded through National CIS, they rely on school matches, individual and corporate donors to sustain the support and work.

Funds would be allocated to fill gaps that arise due to funding cuts, new needs that have come up or changes in overall budgets. There is always a gap that CIS is working to close by leaning on individual donors and corporate sponsors to ensure that once a school has been taken on that they continue to provide support.

MY RELATIONSHIP/EXPERIENCE WITH THIS ORGANIZATION ★

After working with CIS for the last year and half, I have recently joined the Board of Directors as a concerned Antrim county resident. My commitment is to support their overall mission and purpose and provide oversight to the organizations efforts.

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 *

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ORGANIZATION'S STREET ADDRESS *

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ORGANIZATION'S CITY *

Mancelona

ORGANIZATION'S ZIP CODE *

49659

ORGANIZATION'S PHONE NUMBER *

231-356-4385

INITIAL SUBMISSION DATE *

MM DD YYYY

08 / 29 / 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

12 / 04 / 2025

FORM SUBMISSION

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