

Has someone touched your heart?

The Rusk County Community Foundation wishes to identify and provide recognition to “everyday” citizens in our community who touch the hearts of others.

We have defined Heart of Gold Recipients as those people who give of themselves unselfishly to serve others, collectively or individually, with volunteer acts of service and/or kindness beyond the call of duty.

Any person 18 years or older, who enhances the quality of life of someone else is eligible to be nominated.

Such acts of service may largely go unnoticed and include, but are not limited to: helping senior citizens, helping disadvantaged persons, working to improve the quality of education, expanding recreational and cultural opportunities, working with children, protecting the environment, promoting public safety, and unusual acts of kindness.

What do Heart of Gold Awards recipients receive?

The Heart of Gold committee will pre-screen all nominations and send on to a selection committee those that meet the criteria identified in this brochure. The committee will select three honorees and three finalists. The honorees will receive a certificate inscribed with their name and their Heart of Gold achievement. Three special finalists who receive the Heart of Gold award will each have the opportunity to direct a \$1,000 grant to the Rusk County charity of their choice, approved by the Rusk County Community Foundation.

What criteria are the Heart of Gold Awards based upon?

When making its choice, the selection committee will take into account whether the nominee:

- Shares their time and energy for the sake of others.
- Works to create positive change.
- Inspires others to volunteer.
- Performs an exceptional act of kindness.
- Recognizes opportunities and acts upon them.

How can I nominate someone for a Heart of Gold Award?

To help the selection committee fully appreciate your nominee’s efforts, you may find the following suggestions helpful in filling out the nomination form.

- Please state the reasons why this person fits the description of having a “Heart of Gold.”
- Be sure to address the concerns listed in this brochure under “Selection Criteria.”
- Please type or write clearly. However, this is not an essay contest—no points are given for the style of this narrative.
- Be sure your nomination is postmarked by the deadline date.
- Please note that your narrative should be suitable for public audience and may be made available to local newspapers.

**Deadline is Wednesday, June 30.
Nomination forms are available on our website or contact the Foundation at 715- 532-0772.**

All nominations must be postmarked by that date and mailed to:

Rusk County Community Foundation
P.O. Box 54

Ladysmith WI 54848

www.ruskfoundation.org

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We want to find Rusk County's people with Hearts of Gold





Rusk County
Community Foundation

*Bringing together
people who care
with causes that matter*

The Rusk County Community Foundation is proud to sponsor the

“Heart of Gold” Awards.

We encourage you to nominate someone who you feel exemplifies having a heart of gold as defined by the criteria in this brochure.

Visit our website or contact us for more information about the Foundation.

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Recap of the 2009 Heart of Gold Banquet

Now in its third year, the Heart of Gold Awards continues to honor Rusk County volunteers. Each year \$3,000 in grants are given out at the recognition ceremony.

<u>Previous Finalists</u>	<u>Non-profit Recipient</u>
2008	
Joe Baye	Troup 45 of the Boy Scouts of America and Westlake Enterprises
Winnie Lee	Ladysmith Elementary School
Al Miller and Richard LaBelle	Westlake Enterprises
2009	
Mary Arts	Ladysmith Middle School (Sno Ball Dance) and Bruce School (Holiday Store)
Lois List	Lighthouse.org and Time Out Family Abuse Shelter
Doug Sorenson	Our Lady of Sorrows School and Hope Lutheran Food Pantry

With additional proceeds from the Heart of Gold evening, the Foundation developed a grant program directed to the county’s Junior and Senior High School students. In March of 2010, \$500 grants were awarded to:

Weyerhaeuser High School Outsider’s Class will create a brochure describing historical places in the Blue Hills Area, researching the geology, plants, wildlife and history.

School District of Flambeau for “Ready Camp”, also known as School Emergency Response Team. Eight students will attend Advanced Ready camp to be trained and certified in CPR, AED, First Aid and First Responders. They will be prepared to offer assistance as needed, both in the district and the whole county.

Weyerhaeuser Area School District—Technical Education Club will design and construct a picnic table to seat eight near the center of town as a community service project.

The Rusk County Community Foundation is proud to be the conduit through which these grants were made possible because of your generous support. Thousands of dollars are now flowing in our community, enriching the lives of Rusk County residents in a variety of ways.



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**Awards Celebration
September 12, 2010**

Tee Away Golf and Steak House

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