

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 those that meet the criteria identified in this brochure on to the selection committee. 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.

Selection Criteria

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 15.
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

info@ruskfoundation.org

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 2010 Heart of Gold Banquet

Now in its fourth 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.

Previous Finalists **2008**

Joe Baye

Non-profit Recipient

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

2010

Arlene Knops

Bruce Food Pantry and Bruce Kiwanis

Lavonne Rydlund Don and Judy

Women With Courage

Soyring

Rusk County Kinship and 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 2011, \$500 grants were awarded to the Bruce High School, Ladysmith High School and Our Lady of Sorrows School. Details of the grants may be found at www.ruskfoundation.org

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 13, 2011**

Club 8 Supper Club

Deadline for Nominations
June 15, 2011