

## Rusk County Community Foundations Awards School Grants

The Rusk County Community Foundation remains a catalyst for community improvement and development and has recently announced the 2011 grants to area schools. Proceeds from the fall of 2010 Heart of Gold Award Ceremony were used to fund three \$500.00 grants to Rusk County schools with junior and senior high grade level students. Through the generous support of the residents of the county, Rusk County Community Foundation leads to provide philanthropic support to area schools that involves students in activities that address community needs. Criteria used to judge the numerous grant applications were whether the defined project provides a school or community need, the lasting value of the project, whether the project was student driving and implemented, whether the project had a clear, concise plan of action and defined outcomes and goals. Recipients of the 2011 Rusk County Community Foundation School Grants include Bruce High School, Ladysmith High School, and Our Lady of Sorrows School.



Students of Bruce High School, under the direction of Mike Homan, Tech. Ed. Instructor, will be utilizing the \$500 Rusk County Community Foundation grant to build a bridge in the Bruce Park that connects the park to a senior residential community. The existing bridge is no longer structural sound and the new one will be constructed to accommodate handicapped assessability.



Students Brea Daggett, Mariah Grotzinger (pictured above), as well as other College Success Students, will be mapping area hiking and biking trails in Rusk County. They are under the direction of Anney Olson, Health Educator. With the support of the Rusk County Community Foundation Grant, brochures of these trails will be made available at the Rusk County Visitors Center in Ladysmith.



Students at Our Lady of Sorrows School, under the guidance of their classroom teacher, Mrs. Gina Baker, were the recipients of a Rusk County Community Foundation Grant. Students will visit the residents of Ladysmith Nursing Home, interview individual residents of the nursing home, read to them an autobiography entitled “A Little Something”, obtain the resident’s life history, write, edit and publish the resident’s life history. Lastly, students will present the final project in the form of a book to the resident. The book will document the life history of the resident and serve as a celebration of their life.

**Improving the quality of life in Rusk County through permanent endowments and grant giving remains the mission of the Rusk County Community Foundation. For more information on the foundation, or to gift the foundation for future school service grants, visit their web site at [www.ruskfoundation.org](http://www.ruskfoundation.org)**