

# NONPROFIT NOMINATION FORM

As a member in good standing of Elk Rapids Area 100 Women Who Care, I nominate the following non-profit organization to be considered for the group's next donation.

*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 \*

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MY NAME \*

Karin Chandler

ORGANIZATION NAME \*

Grand Traverse Industries in Mancelona

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE AND/OR FACEBOOK PAGE \*

www.grandtraverseindustries.com & www.facebook.com/GrandTraverseIndustries

## MISSION/PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION \*

To empower individuals with disabilities to have a purposeful and meaningful life by providing them with quality programs, services, and employment opportunities within their community.

GTI accomplishes this by partnering with community businesses to employ their clients in essential roles in housekeeping, janitorial, food service and packaging/assembly. They also provide their clients with day programs for socialization and enrichment such as art, music, baking, exercise, and more. And, most importantly, GTI connects their clients to their community by organizing outings for shopping, volunteering, hiking, biking, bowling, and visiting local museums.

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## SERVICE AREA THE ORGANIZATION SERVES \*

Northern Michigan with locations in Traverse City and Mancelona.

This nomination is for their center in Mancelona.

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## ANNUAL ORGANIZATION BUDGET AND PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCES \*

Grand Traverse Industries' 2025 operating budget for its Mancelona division includes approximately \$900,000 in expenses. Without additional support, the Mancelona division is projecting a \$30,000 shortfall in funding for 2025.

Community Mental Health (CMH) is their primary funding source. However, CMH is currently experiencing a \$91 million shortfall which means they have frozen any increase in funding to GTI. Also, GTI relies on Medicaid to fund their programs. However, Medicaid rates continue to remain stagnate. As a result, this year GTI had to eliminate a staff position, reduce a full time staff position to part time, freeze staff wages, and delay the replacement of one of their old vans. In an effort to keep their programs running, GTI has had the foresight to reach out to community resources to continue their programs and services.

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**SPECIFIC DETAILS ON HOW OUR DONATION WOULD BE USED. INCLUDE BUDGET, TIMING AND \*  
NUMBERS SERVED/IMPACTED**

Our donation would be put to immediate use at the Mancelona location which currently serves 53 clients. First, they would utilize a portion of the funds to purchase all of their janitorial equipment and supplies for their community cleaning jobs that service 10 locations throughout the area on a weekly basis. Not only are cleaning supplies costly, but the high cost of industrial grade vacuums has prohibited them from replacing their current old and run down equipment.

Secondly, they would use the donation to finance and service their four transportation vans. This would fulfill a critical need for reliable transportation of their clients to and from the center, jobs, and community enrichment programs. Transportation costs are extremely high since many of the jobs are a long distance from Mancelona. Also, the transportation vans help to get their clients out into the community, which not only enriches their lives, but helps to reduce the stigma that people with disabilities face each and every day.

**MY RELATIONSHIP/EXPERIENCE WITH THIS ORGANIZATION \***

My experience with Grand Traverse Industries was truly amazing! The Program Directors were extremely passionate about their organization's mission and purpose. The staff was completely engaged with their clients and so proud of their accomplishments. The center was well organized and setup for supporting all of their daily social programs, support services, and employment opportunities that are made available to their clients. The positive environment at the center was truly infectious, and the staff was completely focused on ensuring each individual felt respected, capable, and valued.

Just as we hope our children and grandchildren live a life that is fulfilling, meaningful, respected and valued, these amazing individuals with "different abilities" deserve that same chance in our community. How wonderful would it be if we could truly help them achieve that goal with our donation!

**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 \***

38-2090521

ORGANIZATION'S CONTACT PERSON \*

Micah Haven

CONTACT PERSON'S EMAIL ADDRESS \*

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ORGANIZATION'S STREET ADDRESS \*

408 Danforth Street

ORGANIZATION'S CITY \*

Mancelona

ORGANIZATION'S ZIP CODE \*

49659

ORGANIZATION'S PHONE NUMBER \*

231-922-4885

SUBMISSION DATE \*

MM DD YYYY

11 / 22 / 2024

## FORM SUBMISSION

Submit form by pressing the "Submit" button below.

Any questions, email [100womenelkrapids@gmail.com](mailto:100womenelkrapids@gmail.com)

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