

# What is the Rusk County Community Foundation?

We are a non-profit, tax-exempt organization that has been established to provide professionally managed services by which individuals, families, and businesses can contribute through lifetime and estate gifts for the betterment of their Rusk County communities.

Donors have the flexibility to direct their gifts toward special projects or areas of interest. They may also direct their gifts to where community needs are greatest, as identified from time to time by the Board of Directors.

We are here to support the charitable, religious, and other nonprofit organizations in the county. Our mission is to be complementary to, not competitive with, their efforts.

We have 501 (c) (3) status.

For more information on the Rusk County Community Foundation, visit our website at [ruskfoundation.org](http://ruskfoundation.org).



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... a person who seeks to promote the welfare of others, by the donation of money to good causes ...

[give365rusk.org](http://give365rusk.org)



## Give 365 in a Nutshell ...

The idea is simple. You give \$365 - a dollar a day - to make our community better.

Each year, we pool all of the GIVE 365 members money. As a member of GIVE 365 you get a vote. Your vote helps decide which projects in Rusk County will receive the money.

60% of your donation will go to support projects or initiatives connected to non-profits in Rusk County. Each year the GIVE 365 board members decide on a theme for giving. The applicant must submit a grant request and qualify based on the theme.

30% of your donation will continue to grow in an endowed fund. Think of it like this ... a growing fund to benefit Rusk County non-profit organizations forever! This money will just continue to grow as it is invested into funds that will earn dividends. The funds are managed by the Rusk County Community Foundation.

10% of your donation will be housed in an operating fund. We will use these funds for promoting GIVE 365 and hosting GIVE 365 events.

## F.A.Q.s ...

### Why Join GIVE 365?

Because anyone can be a philanthropist.

GIVE 365 allows you to leverage your charitable contribution with others to support innovative projects of area nonprofits. The larger the membership of the fund, the greater the impact.

Through the fund you will engage in philanthropy with your peers. You will share what you know, and you will learn about the issues facing Rusk County and the people who work to make our community a better place.

### What is an Endowed Fund?

An endowed fund is a permanent charitable account in which the principal is retained and reinvested. Every year the bulk of its earnings is used to provide charitable grants, with a small portion typically retained as a hedge against inflation. Over time the fund's balance will grow as will annual income available for grant making.

### Who Can Join GIVE 365?

Everyone!

Learn more at [give365rusk.org](http://give365rusk.org)

**GIVE 365**  
**R U S K**

## How To Join ...

Becoming a member of GIVE 365 RUSK is easy. All you need to do is visit our secure website at [give365rusk.org](http://give365rusk.org) or contact one of our board members.

## Meet Our Board ...

GIVE 365 came to life through a few individuals who have been involved with the Rusk County Community Foundation. We wanted to make it possible for everyone to be a philanthropist. The 2014 members of the GIVE 365 Rusk board are:

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