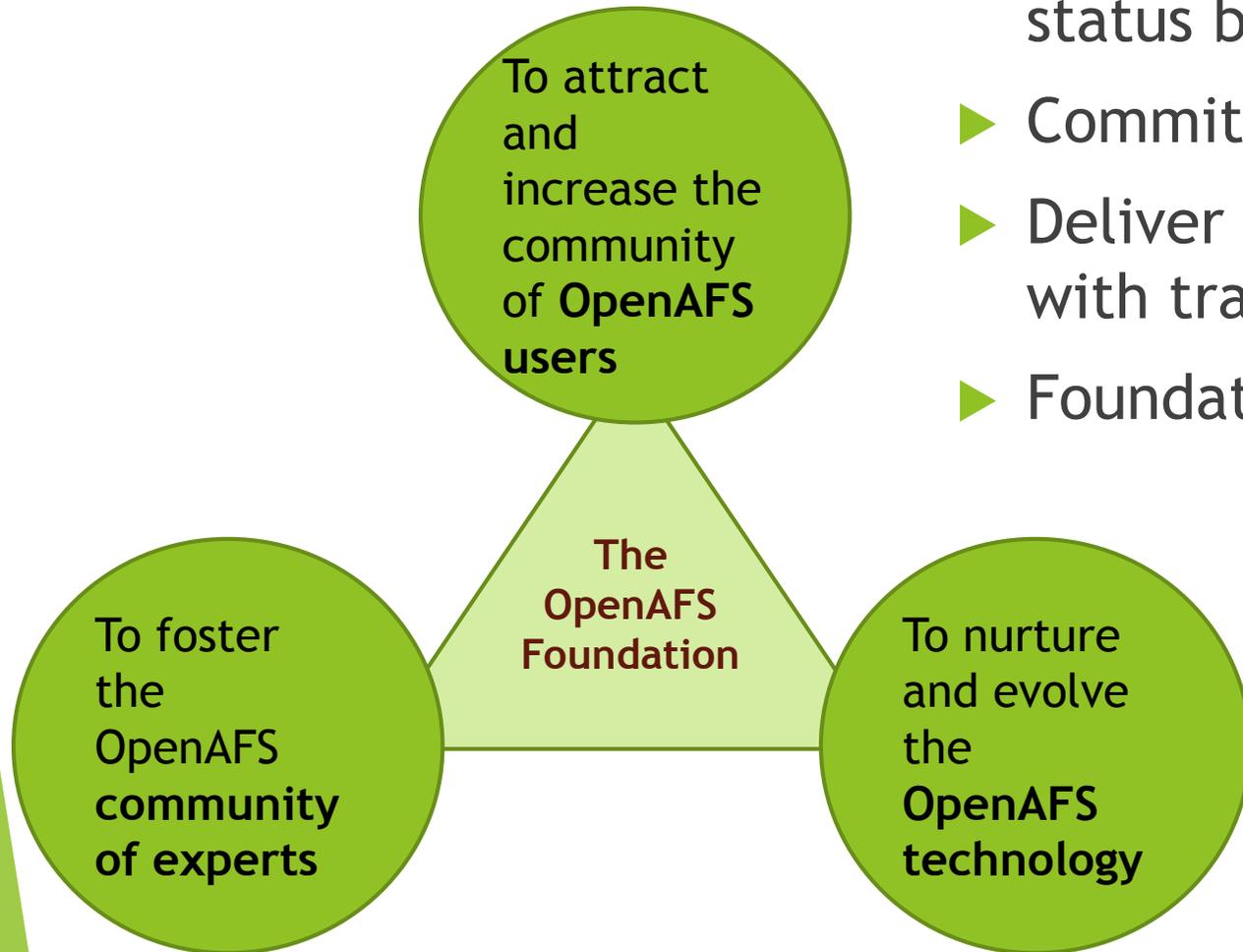# The OpenAFS Foundation

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What is The OpenAFS Foundation?

- Corporation with 503c3 non-profit status by IRS (2014)
- Commitment to open source
- Deliver organizational framework with transparency and accountability
- Foundation's three-fold mission

To attract and increase the community of **OpenAFS users**

To foster the OpenAFS **community of experts**

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To nurture and evolve the **OpenAFS technology**

"Attract and increase the community of OpenAFS users"

- Offer OpenAFS* to the general public, through the use of open source licensing, free of charge
- Educate members of the general public in the application of OpenAFS
- Aid, assist, and support others who wish to learn and/or employ OpenAFS
- Champion OpenAFS and introduce it to various audiences

* OpenAFS and associated technologies here defined as intellectual property such as interfaces, tools, and libraries

"Foster the OpenAFS community of experts"

- Seek contributions in both skills and talent: sky is the limit!
- Educate members of the OpenAFS community of experts
- Model and foster a spirit of cooperation and professionalism
- Obtain donations of various kinds; "give richly"
- Provide "at arm's length" privilege to code contributors and liability insurance: contributors safe from legal exposure

"Nurture and evolve the OpenAFS technology"

- Strengthen and "modernize" OpenAFS
- Integration/on track with Linux
- Support and participate in protocol standardization
- Clarify licensing: restrictions as well as creative space
- Advance OpenAFS through scientific research and development

OpenAFS needs you!

There are various ways in which you can support OpenAFS:

- ▶ donate money; identify potential donors

- ▶ donate "in kind": used equipment, etc.

- ▶ donate time: volunteer

- ▶ donate talent and skills: mentor others

- ▶ contribute code and/or review code contributions

- ▶ volunteer as tester/test site

- ▶ submit use cases and "success stories"; point out "good match for AFS" projects

- ▶ contribute documentation

- ▶ communicate and spec present/future needs for feature development

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