

Woods Charitable Fund, Inc.



60th Anniversary Edition

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Children posing in front of the old Salvation Army building for Christmas, 1941.

60 Years of Grantmaking 1941

F. H. Woods

WOODS CHARITABLE FUND, INC. marked its 60th anniversary in 2001. The past ten-year period was one of significant growth for the Fund in terms of organizational structure, capacity, leadership, grantmaking and staff.



Woods Charitable Fund is a private philanthropic foundation created by F. H. Woods, his wife Nelle Cochrane Woods, and their three sons Thomas Cochrane Woods, Henry Cochrane Woods and Frank Henry Woods, Jr. The Fund was incorporated in Nebraska on November 5, 1941. F. H. Woods provided \$3 million in endowment a month prior to his death in 1952. In 1955, the Fund received one-third of the net residuary estate of Nelle C. Woods. The resources that made these gifts possible resulted from business interests in the telecommunications and coal industries in Nebraska and Illinois, namely Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph and Sahara Coal Company.

For the first fifty-four years of the Fund's existence its grantmaking was concentrated in Lincoln, Nebraska and Chicago, Illinois, due to business operations, location of family members and a wide range of personal and professional ties. Since the Fund's inception in 1941, over \$77 million has been contributed to organizations or initiatives in those cities. During the 1990s and the first two

years of the new millennium, Woods Charitable Fund paid \$15,566,100 in grants and program related investments (PRI) to non-profit organizations in Lincoln (\$9,341,050 in grants and \$165,000 in PRI) and Chicago (\$6,060,050 in grants).

The Fund's 50th year, 1991, found Lucia Woods Lindley, granddaughter of F. H. Woods, serving as board president, a role she assumed in 1990. She was the first and, to date, only woman to serve as president of the Fund. Sheila Griffin, a Lincoln representative on the board, retired after serving 5 years. Sheila was one of the first two non-family members to serve on the Woods board. Marie Fischer and Sydney Beane were elected to the board as Lincoln representatives that year. The Lincoln office paid \$729,394 in grants and \$17,000 in one PRI. The Chicago office paid \$1,777,250 in grants.

In 1992, the Lincoln and Chicago offices paid \$702,080 and \$1,873,500 respectively in grants. Board members began discussing restructuring the Fund to create separate foundations in the two cities.

At the end of 1993, Woods Charitable Fund underwent a major restructuring that institutionalized, in two separate foundations, the different grant programs of the Fund in Lincoln and Chicago. Woods Charitable



Nelle C. Woods

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(l. to r.) F. H. Woods, Jr., Henry C. Woods, Nelle C. Woods, Thomas C. Woods, and F. H. Woods

Fund continued operations in Lincoln only and a sizeable portion of the original foundation's assets was transferred to a second, newly created foundation, Woods Fund of Chicago, incorporated in Illinois. Both foundations expanded their boards of directors, which became local boards in each city. A concerted effort was made to maintain continuity in the traditional giving levels, basic funding approaches and staff at the two foundations.

Due to other professional and personal interests, Ms. Lindley resigned as board president when the restructuring was finalized. She had served as a board member for 13 years, the last 4 of them as president. The Lincoln office paid \$758,226 in grants and the Chicago office paid \$1,849,800 in grants in 1993.

Thomas C. "Chip" Woods, III, great-grandson of F. H. Woods, was elected president of the Lincoln-based Woods Charitable Fund, continuing

the legacy of the family-led foundation.

Marilyn Johnson Farr and Joel Gajardo were elected to the new board, joining Chip and Marie Fischer who were carry-over members. Sydney Beane's tenure on the board expired. Pam Baker was promoted from director

of the Lincoln office to executive director of Woods Charitable Fund. Joan Stolle continued in her staff position as administrative coordinator. In 1994, Woods Charitable Fund paid \$629,275 in grants. Due to grants approved prior to the restructuring, an additional \$504,500 in grants was

paid outside the Lincoln area that year.

Woods Fund of Chicago elected George Kelm as its first board president. He had been a member of the Woods Charitable Fund board for 25 years. Jean Rudd, executive director of the Woods Charitable Fund before the division, became the first executive director and, later, president of Woods Fund of Chicago. To date, no Woods



60 Years of Grantmaking 1941

Lucia Woods Lindley

family member has served as director, officer or staff at Woods Fund of Chicago.

In 1995, Marjorie J. Woods was elected to be the fifth board member. Her husband, Thomas C. Woods, Jr. had served as Chairman of the Woods Board, 1968–90. Marjorie was the third female Woods family member to serve as a director. The other two were Nelle and Lucia. The Fund paid \$525,300 in grants and \$68,000 in PRI's. Due to grants approved prior to the restructuring, an additional \$55,000 in grants was paid outside the Lincoln area.

With Chip Woods' encouragement, the Fund used 1995-1998 to grow its endowment. Woods Charitable Fund made fewer grants during this period with the expectation that the Fund could have a greater impact in the future by being a larger foundation. The first year that Woods Charitable Fund's grantmaking solely focused on Lincoln, Nebraska was 1996. The Fund paid \$576,750 in grants that year.

Tom Potter was elected to the board when Marie Fischer's term expired in 1997. Woods Charitable Fund paid \$595,985 in grants that year.

The board decided to expand the number of members to 6 in 1998. Avery Ladd Woods, great-granddaughter of



F. H. Woods, was elected to the board. Woods Charitable Fund paid \$700,400 in grants.

Thanks to Chip's leadership, the Fund's investment style and favorable economic markets, the Fund grew substantially and 1999 marked the first year since the restructuring that the grantmaking level returned to pre-1994 levels. Woods Charitable Fund paid \$1,143,900 in grants. This marked the first time that over \$1 million was awarded to the Lincoln community in a single year. Marilyn Johnson Farr and Joel Gajardo retired from the board and Susan Ugai and Stephen Sands were elected to join it. Thomas C. Woods, IV, great-great-grandson of F. H. Woods, joined the Fund as program staff. Tom is the first family member to become a Woods Charitable Fund employee.

The Fund suffered an enormous loss when Chip Woods succumbed to cancer in 2000. Chip served 20 years as a director, 7 of those as President of the Board. The torch was passed to Thomas D. Potter when he was elected board president. Mr. Potter is the first non-Woods family member to serve as Woods Charitable Fund's board president.



That same year A. Eugene Crump and Michael J. Tavlin, who had served as the Fund's assistant treasurer since 1996,

Thomas C. "Chip" Woods, III

-2001 Woods Charitable Fund

were elected to the board as directors. Marjorie Woods resigned from the board after serving 6 years.

For a second consecutive year Woods Charitable Fund awarded over \$1 million to the Lincoln community in a single year. The total paid in grants was \$1,543,205.

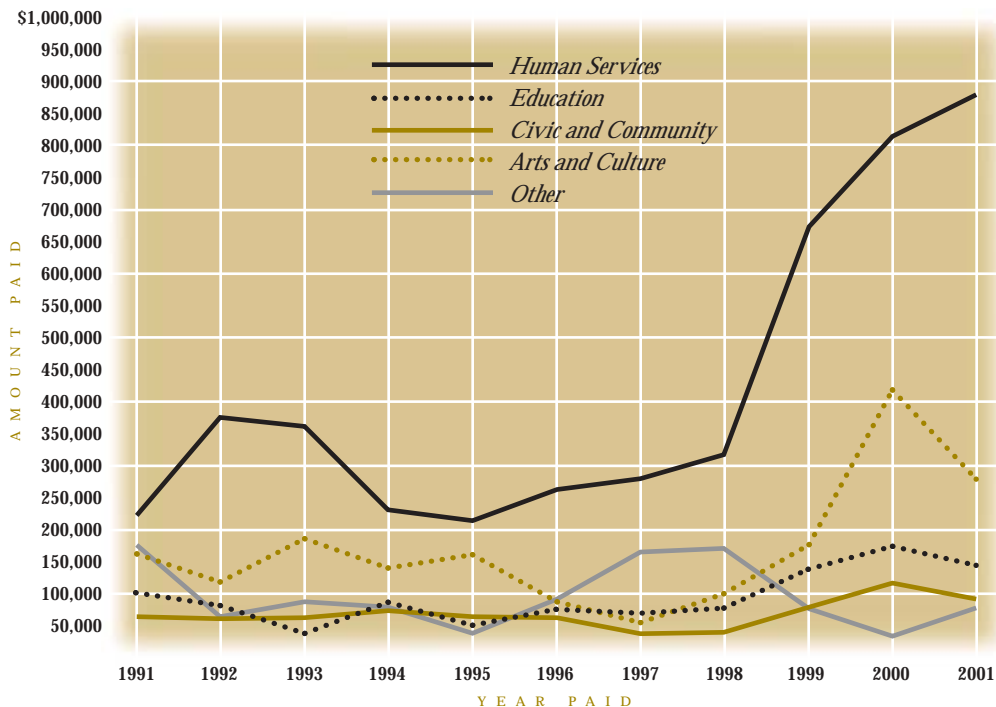
In the Fund's 60th year of operation Donna Woods, whose husband was Chip Woods, was elected to the board, restoring its membership to 7. Woods Charitable Fund again paid over \$1 million in grants in 2001,

paying \$1,436,545 in grants and \$80,000 in PRI's.

A highlight of the decade was the award of over \$750,000 during 1998-2000 to evaluate and recommend technological approaches to build the organizational capacity of Lincoln arts and human services organizations.

The Lincoln Arts Council received a total of \$204,030 and the Human Services Federation accepted a total of \$400,475 during that time. Another \$150,000 will be paid to the two organizations in 2002.

TOTAL GRANTS PAID 1991 - 2001



Joint Message

Thomas D. Potter

Woods Charitable Fund's third quarterly board of directors meeting in 2001 was scheduled for September 11. As we traveled to the meeting that morning there were reports of an airplane accidentally crashing into one of the World Trade Center towers in New York City. When we gathered to meet at 8:30 that morning, staff and board members just arriving told of another plane striking a second World Trade Center tower...then of a third plane crashing into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The towers had collapsed and the Pentagon was burning. It seemed as if the world might be coming to an end. Together with everyone around the world, we wondered what the next blow would be and we held our collective breath.

As we all sat stunned, spinning with feelings of helplessness and concern, Woods' board members made a deliberate and empowering decision. They decided that the meeting must continue! It was important for the Fund to carry on and do its work in the face of fear and despair, making grants to "strengthen the community by



improving opportunities and life outcomes for all people in Lincoln, Nebraska." Board members decided that the best way the Fund and all of us associated with it could participate in the fight against terroristic intent was to stay put and do our work.

All over the United States of America, the world and in Lincoln, Nebraska people made the decision to face the seemingly "insoluble problems" by embracing them and moving forward with all of our creative energies. People from many parts of the globe began to work together to help victims of terrorism in New York City, Washington, D.C. and wherever they are found. *At Woods Charitable Fund, we have placed our faith and financial support in local "members of the nonprofit sector who are exploring creative alternatives and promoting more just, effective approaches to meet community needs."* We observe them making great opportunities out of Lincoln's difficult problems.

Last year presented us with meaning and great opportunities. *It was Woods Charitable Fund's 60th year as a grant-*

*"We are all faced with a series
brilliantly disguised as*

*An east view from 14th and 'N' Streets, 1941.
The YWCA is on the north (l) and the Korn Popper is on the south (r).*

Pam Baker

maker in Lincoln. During 2001, the Fund paid grants and program related investments totaling \$1,516,545, assisting 60 nonprofit organizations and collaborative partnerships working in Lincoln and the region. Included in that group were five new recipients of Woods support. The Fund also:



- ~ Worked with the Lincoln/Lancaster County Grantmakers to help develop a common evaluation form now used by the group;
- ~ Paid grants totaling more than \$400,000 in support of programs that prevent violence or intervene when it occurs;
- ~ Evaluated the Fund's performance, with the help of local nonprofit organizations;
- ~ Supported planning and capacity building efforts within 23 nonprofit organizations; and
- ~ Funded efforts to expand business support of child care in the community.

In the next ten years Woods will select one or more focus areas to channel significant support for greater impact. We hope you will watch for changes coming in the near future.

We also invite you to read more about the Fund's history, as Woods completes its 60th year. Ten years ago,

when Woods Charitable Fund celebrated its 50th anniversary, Lucia Woods Lindley, then President of the board of directors, wrote, "...we...look backward only in profound gratitude to our founders and past volunteer board members. We honor the past by responding to present circumstances and planning for the future." The Fund will continue that tradition as it begins its 61st year of grantmaking.

Above all, we encourage you to learn more about the not-for-profit organizations who seize the "great opportunities" they identify and work creatively every day to solve the "insoluble problems" in our community. Please read about them in the pages that follow.

Thomas D. Potter
President

Pam Baker
Secretary
Executive Director

*of great opportunities -
insoluble problems."
John Gardner, 1912-2002*

Grant Program

PURPOSE

Through grants made to eligible organizations, Woods Charitable Fund seeks to strengthen the community by improving opportunities and life outcomes for all people in Lincoln, Nebraska. Woods supports members of the nonprofit sector who are exploring creative alternatives and promoting more just, effective approaches to meet community needs.

The Fund supports a broad range of activities which include but are not limited to the **Special Interests** described below. We are interested in reviewing plans for **pilot projects** and **innovative programs** as well as **sustained growth** for organizations whose work coincides with the purposes of the foundation. The foundation funds both direct services and policy programs.

The Fund looks forward to opportunities to review proposals joining partners (academic, community, government, business, public service, religious) to explore ways to integrate perspectives and talents toward common goals. We support projects that involve coalition building, public education and advocacy to effect positive social change and improve opportunities for all citizens.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Human Services

A significant cornerstone in community life is the family. Its power to mold and develop mentally healthy, secure, loving members determines Woods' interest in supporting projects to strengthen families and provide opportunities for youth to achieve their full potential. This is a broad category and may include either direct service or policy programs focused on child care, single parenthood, the elderly, family planning, shelter, troubled families as well as others.

The Fund will give special consideration to programs and initiatives designed to prevent youth and family violence.

Education

Our educational systems face the challenge of preparing individuals for a rapidly changing society. Today, more than ever before, education touches the lives of people of all ages - students at all levels, newcomers learning a second language and culture, adults retraining to handle new job responsibilities. The Fund looks forward to opportunities to review proposals from existing educational institutions and from creative new programs to meet the challenge.

Civic and Community

To sustain or increase its vitality, a community must consistently nurture its development, particularly as that development impacts lower income citizens. The Fund supports projects that empower less advantaged Lincoln residents to participate in the economic system and that foster community participation and responsibility, thus joining people to solve problems and improve opportunities for all. Woods recognizes the growing need in Lincoln for affordable housing and supports programs that expand its availability. Advocacy groups, neighborhood, citizen and community organizations are avenues to promote citizen involvement and strengthen neighborhoods.

The need for individuals to achieve self-sufficiency has been identified as a primary community concern.

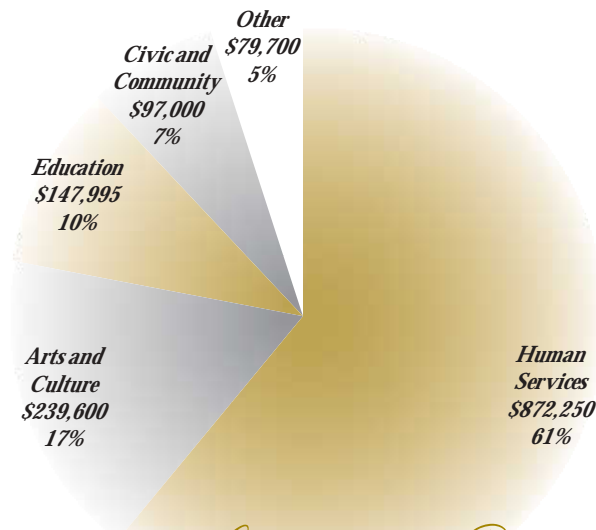
The Fund encourages submission of proposals that suggest creative approaches to helping people escape poverty and become work ready.

Arts and Culture

Visual art, literature, dance, theater and music are cornerstones of a community's aesthetic and ethical being. They can bind people through shared experience and understanding. They stimulate thought, communication and creativity. Woods supports programs in the arts and humanities that will enhance or develop the common aesthetic spirit through education, creation or performance.

Programs that connect the arts and humanities with nontraditional participants are of special interest to the Fund.

Please read "To Apply for a Grant" before contacting the fund.



*2001 Grants Paid
by Category*

To Apply for a Grant

FUNDING LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

While grants are made primarily in Lincoln, Nebraska, the Fund will consider grant applications from other locations in the context of their impact on Lincoln. While the Fund makes grants in diverse fields, the following areas are not eligible for grant review:

- ~ Capital projects in health care institutions
- ~ Environmental programs
- ~ Funding of endowments
- ~ Fundraising benefits or program advertising
- ~ Individual needs
- ~ Medical and scientific research
- ~ Programs for individual schools
- ~ Recreation programs
- ~ Religious programs
- ~ Residential care and medical clinics
- ~ Scholarships, Fellowships

College and university proposals are reviewed only if they directly involve faculty and/or students in applied projects of benefit and concern to the community.

Applicants generally should be organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and have a written ruling from the IRS that they also qualify under Section 509(a)(1), (2) or (3) of the Code (publicly supported organizations and their affiliates). Occasionally the Fund considers proposals from 501(c)(3) organizations that are private, operating foundations. In exceptional cases, the Fund will consider fiscal agent and expenditure responsibility grants.

Woods does not accept applications from organizations that have had proposals approved or declined in the preceding 12 months. This policy does not apply when organizations are involved in collaborative proposals.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE APPLYING

- ~ Contact the Fund by telephone or by mail, facsimile or e-mail with a letter of intent, including budget information. Then Woods can help you decide whether it is worth your time and expense to proceed with a full proposal.
- ~ Many excellent proposals cannot be funded because there are absolute limits to the number of proposals the Fund can study thoroughly and support.

~ If your organization receives a grant, you will be asked to sign a grant agreement form requiring written reports (usually at six-month intervals) on use of the grant in relation to the original proposal objectives and program results. A selected number of grantees may be asked to participate in a post-grant evaluation to study program accomplishments in more depth.

TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

FIRST, please read the Fund's guidelines, procedures and timetable.

SECOND, contact the Fund by telephone or by sending a 2-page letter of intent, including a budget, by mail, facsimile or e-mail to determine if it is worth your time and expense to proceed with a full proposal.

THIRD, if the Fund requests a full proposal, please complete a Lincoln/Lancaster County Grantmakers Common Application Form, available from the Woods Charitable Fund office or as a Rich Text Format document at www.woodscharitable.org. Together with the requested attachments, submit a single paper copy according to the timetable that follows. Proposals not clearly within the Fund's priority areas but not clearly ineligible are screened for funding consideration by the Fund's board members.

The staff at Woods Charitable Fund, Inc. is pleased to consult with applicants at any time during the process to help strengthen their proposals.

TIMETABLE

<i>Submission dates:</i>	<i>Board meeting:</i>
March 1 - 15	June
June 1 - 15	September
September 1 - 15	December

In cases of extreme emergency, Woods will consider proposals of \$10,000 or less outside the set timetable.

Applicants should direct inquiries to:

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A Lincoln Chamber of Commerce dance at their old building located at 208 N. 11th Street, 1941.

Grants Paid in 2001

HUMAN SERVICES

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, CORNHUSKER COUNCIL	\$10,000	
First payment of a three-year \$30,000 grant for <i>Youth at Risk Scouting</i> designed to serve over 500 “at risk” elementary school children with esteem-building, academic help and gang and drug resistance programs		
CAMP FIRE BOYS AND GIRLS COUNCIL OF THE MIDLANDS, INC.	\$5,000	
Second-year support to expand <i>Get Real About Violence</i> , a violence prevention program, to fifth grade students in four Lincoln schools		
CEDARS YOUTH SERVICES, INC.	\$60,000	
First payment of a three-year \$180,000 grant for a pilot project to provide equitable salaries and tuition reimbursement for teachers in five early childhood development centers in Lincoln and evaluate the impact on staff retention and satisfaction		
CENTERPOINTE, INC.	\$10,000	
Second year support for the <i>Open Studio and Workshop</i> providing a safe, respectful and creative environment for consumers of mental health and substance abuse services, in collaboration with the Community Mental Health Center		
CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER	\$50,000	
Second-year support for the <i>C.F. STAR</i> project, a comprehensive partnership network integrating the outpatient behavioral/mental health and family support services of four partner agencies in Lincoln—Child Guidance Center, Lincoln Medical Education Foundation, Lutheran Family Services and Family Service Association		
CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CHILDREN’S HOME	\$50,000	
First payment of a three-year \$150,000 grant to support <i>Caring for Kids</i> capital campaign to purchase land and construct two homes for abused, neglected and adjudicated youth in Lincoln		
FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN		
Renewal support for the position of director of quality standards and outcomes to coordinate the agency’s <i>Continuous Quality Improvement</i> process		\$25,000
To support the development of the <i>Quality Early Childhood Care and Education Network</i> and secure business support to improve availability and quality of early childhood care and education services in Lincoln and Lancaster County, in collaboration with the Downtown Lincoln Association		\$65,000

FRIENDSHIP HOME OF LINCOLN	\$30,000
General operating support for the expanded emergency shelter program for women and their children who experience domestic violence or sexual assault	
GIRL SCOUTS – HOMESTEAD COUNCIL	\$12,500
Toward programming, transportation and continued support of bilingual outreach staff for the Lincoln Asian community’s Girl Scout troop	
INDIAN CENTER, INC.	\$30,000
Second-year support for the <i>Commodity Supplemental Food Program</i> distributing food to 1,300 low-income children and elderly residents of Lincoln and Lancaster County	
LANCASTER COUNTY, COMMUNITY SERVICES IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (C-SIP)	\$25,000
To develop a practical implementation plan for data collection and retention for each of the human services priority areas designated in the Lincoln/Lancaster County Human Services three-year Comprehensive Plan	
LINCOLN AREA AGENCY ON AGING	\$2,500
Final payment of a three-year \$20,000 grant for staff for the <i>Foster Grandparent Program</i> providing opportunities for income eligible individuals, 60 years of age and over, to work with children in Lincoln schools	
LINCOLN INTERFAITH COUNCIL	\$20,000
Support for an <i>African Multicultural Community Center</i> serving the newcomer refugee/immigrant populations residing in Lincoln	
LINCOLN MEDICAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.	
For a collaboration with Friendship Home and the Rape Spouse Abuse Crisis Center to begin implementation of key initiatives identified in the 2001 Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Plan for Lincoln/Lancaster County	
	\$70,000
Toward the development and administration of <i>Pathways Alumni Program</i> to help families in their transition from receiving public assistance to self sufficiency	
	\$30,000

Grants Paid in 2001

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY

HUMAN SERVICES FEDERATION, INC.

For a salary and benefits survey for human service agencies in
Lincoln/Lancaster County \$7,500

Second-year support for the purchase of computer hardware, software
and interconnections and for technical support to evaluate and
recommend technological approaches to build the organizational
capacity of Lincoln human services organizations \$200,000

MATT TALBOT KITCHEN \$21,250

Second payment of a three-year \$64,000 grant to implement *Life Skills
Enhancement Program*, a series of training classes for homeless individu-
als and families to help them achieve greater self-sufficiency

NEBRASKA COUNCIL TO PREVENT ALCOHOL

AND DRUG ABUSE \$20,000

To distribute *Back to School with The Right Stuff* substance abuse preven-
tion school kits to 4th-7th grade Lincoln Public Schools students in 2001

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, INC. ... \$44,000

Second-year support for the position of cultural outreach coordinator
to continue to build culturally competent sexual health and education
services at Planned Parenthood and among several human service
agencies in Lincoln including the Malone Center, Lincoln Action
Program and the Hispanic Community Center

RAPE-SPOUSE ABUSE CRISIS CENTER, INC. \$ 23,500

Support for a resource development consultant to establish a
fundraising infrastructure for the agency

SAINT ELIZABETH COMMUNITY HEALTH

CENTER FOUNDATION \$5,000

For *Protecting Our Children*, a project to establish child abuse and
neglect issues training for foster parents, parents, children and child
care providers

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING	\$750
Supplementing the research project, <i>Refugee Community Service Provision in Lincoln/Lancaster County</i> , which evaluated the availability of services, programs and resources for refugees in Lincoln	
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY	\$35,250
First payment of a three-year \$93,500 grant to provide on-site mental health services at the Child Advocacy Center serving child abuse victims and non-offending family members	
YMCA OF LINCOLN	\$20,000
Final payment of a three-year \$60,000 grant toward start-up of the <i>Elliott Neighborhood Wraparound Center</i> , a multi-service community revitalization project	
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TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	\$872,250

Grants Paid in 2001

ARTS AND CULTURE

THE 7TH STREET LOFT	\$10,000
Toward the general operation of this community-wide center for performing arts	
HERITAGE FILMS	
(FISCAL AGENT, NEBRASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION) ..	\$25,000
To complete the editing and production of <i>A Home Out West</i> , a documentary film exploring the homesteading experience on the Great Plains	
LINCOLN AREA AGENCY ON AGING	\$2,500
For <i>Life Bridges</i> , a multi-generational storytelling event involving older volunteers and teen mothers, designed to create mutual respect between generations	
LINCOLN COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE, INC.	\$25,000
Second payment of a three-year \$75,000 grant to establish a fund development office for the Playhouse to support its mission of creating and promoting quality theatrical experiences for the Lincoln area	
LINCOLN ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION	\$30,000
First payment of a three-year \$90,000 grant for the <i>Performance Partnership</i> providing opportunities for high school instrumental music students within Lincoln Public Schools to practice and perform with Lincoln Symphony Orchestra musicians	
MEADOWLARK MUSIC FESTIVAL	\$25,000
First payment of a three-year \$75,000 grant for the Festival's staff, including the marketing/promotions director, to ensure the future financial independence of the Festival	
MID-AMERICA ARTS ALLIANCE	\$7,500
For the <i>Strategic Leadership in a Changing Environment</i> seminar, an educational program for the leaders of arts and cultural organizations to gain strategic business skills needed in today's challenging operating environment	
MINNESOTA DANCE ALLIANCE	\$50,000
For development and implementation of <i>Metro Dance Partnership</i> , a new model for engaging presenters, audiences and dance artists in Lincoln and throughout the Midwest region	

NEBRASKA BRASS	\$3,500
Final payment of a two-year \$7,500 grant for staff providing administrative and fund development services for five collaborating Lincoln non-profit performing arts organizations sharing office space and staff resources	
THE NEBRASKA CULTURAL ENDOWMENT	\$25,000
Second payment of a three-year \$75,000 grant for the general operation of this organization whose mission is to secure stability and growth for the arts and humanities in Nebraska	
OPERA OMAHA, INC.	\$3,500
For the touring production <i>Opera Goes West: Transcontinental!</i> to perform in selected Lincoln elementary schools	
THE THIRD CHAIR CHAMBER PLAYERS	\$2,000
Partial funding for the special events surrounding the <i>Transcontinental</i> concert in 2002, including collaborations with local schools and the Hispanic Community Center	
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN, SCHOOL OF MUSIC	\$5,000
To present participatory choreographic works of Nebraska's American modern dance pioneer, Charles Weidman, at rehabilitation centers, retirement facilities and schools in Lincoln, Nebraska	
UNIVERSITY PLACE ART CENTER	\$15,600
Second payment of a three-year \$57,000 grant toward a marketing director position for the Art Center which fosters community cultural development and art appreciation	
WILLA CATHER PIONEER MEMORIAL AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION	\$10,000
Support for the position of development director and to contract for a donor tracking system	
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TOTAL ARTS AND CULTURE	\$239,600

Grants Paid in 2001

EDUCATION

FIRST-PLYMOUTH PRESCHOOL AND DISCOVERY DAYS

Second payment of a three-year \$59,000 grant to support the curriculum development stage of an early childhood research project exploring visual-spatial learning \$20,000

To create an outdoor classroom and neighborhood gathering space in collaboration with the Near South Neighborhood Association and Malone Center Child Care Center \$50,000

GIRL SCOUTS – HOMESTEAD COUNCIL \$4,500

Support for *GirlFACTS-Girls, Families and Communities Together in Science*, a program that involves girls and their families in hands-on exploration of science, math and technology

LINCOLN LITERACY COUNCIL \$17,665

Second-year funding for on-site literacy tutoring labs to support volunteer tutoring at two Lincoln elementary schools and increase Basic/ELL literacy capacity and family/school involvement

LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION \$29,130

To develop and implement alumni associations at Lincoln's four public high schools to help the Foundation raise funds to support programs for the enhancement and enrichment of public education

M.A.D. DADS OF LINCOLN, INC. \$4,950

A challenge grant and technical assistance in support of the M.A.D. Dads Learning Center for youth, ages 14-18, to help them stay in school

NEBRASKA HUMAN RESOURCES RESEARCH FOUNDATION INC. \$15,750

To study the 24 year old *Leadership Development Project*

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY \$6,000

To fund the *Social Skills Training* project, a partnership with Lincoln Public Schools, to provide special needs children in three Lincoln schools with the skills training needed for social, emotional and/or behavioral success

TOTAL EDUCATION \$147,995

C I V I C A N D C O M M U N I T Y

AMERICAN RED CROSS, LANCASTER COUNTY CHAPTER	\$9,500
Third-year funding for rental equipment and labor to move low income families' and individuals' households, reducing the economic burden of moving and helping them maintain safe living environments	
CHRISTMAS IN APRIL * LINCOLN, INC (DBA REBUILDING TOGETHER).	\$12,500
Second payment of a two-year \$25,000 grant to fund a construction manager position to increase the organization's building capacity and create more affordable housing in Lincoln and Lancaster County	
CITY OF LINCOLN	\$2,500
To bring a national leader in information technology to Lincoln to launch a community initiative to prepare Lincoln to be a technology leader	
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERNATIONAL, INC.	\$12,000
Second payment of a three-year \$42,000 grant to support a construction manager position to increase the organization's building capacity and create more affordable housing in Lincoln and Lancaster County	
HEARTLAND CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, INC.	\$28,000
To create <i>Neighborhood College</i> , a skill-building program providing leadership training for Lincoln's neighborhood representatives	
LEADERSHIP LINCOLN, INC.	\$12,500
Final payment of a three-year \$91,500 grant for the development of a <i>Youth in Action Center</i> , a model program to strengthen the leadership talents of local youth and involve them in community service	
VOLUNTEER PARTNERS	\$20,000
To create a centralized volunteer resource center dedicated to recruiting, recognizing and supporting volunteers in Lincoln and Lancaster County	
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TOTAL CIVIC AND COMMUNITY	\$97,000

Grants Paid in 2001

OTHER

THE MEDIATION CENTER	\$28,700
Toward program/staff development and general operations in the areas of youth violence and truancy prevention and family mediation	
NEBRASKA APPLESEED CENTER FOR LAW IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, INC.	\$25,000
To enhance and expand the work of the Center dedicated to furthering the public interest in Nebraska law and finding remedies to systematic injustices	
UNITED METHODIST MINISTRIES	\$10,000
Start-up funding for <i>Equity-In-Nebraska</i> , a project to advance the legal rights of impoverished victims of injustice through public education and litigation	
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN, COLLEGE OF LAW ..	\$10,000
For a pilot program to deliver clinical education to law students while providing legal services to low-income families in the community	
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY	\$6,000
For <i>Beliefs and Expectations About the Justice System: A Multicultural Investigation</i> , research assessing beliefs about the justice system and legal participation of individuals from different cultural groups in Lincoln, Nebraska	
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TOTAL OTHER	\$79,700
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GRAND TOTAL	\$1,436,545

About the Featured Art

"This remarkable photograph [on cover] was taken in Lincoln, Nebraska, around 1920, and while the identity of the photographer remains ambiguous, the work reveals an American master. It is safe to say that the photographer was African American and clearly an active and intimate part of the Lincoln community. This image is one of approximately 400 known to exist and it reveals the African American community in Lincoln with intimacy and affection. Their beauty will rank them with America's finest photographs."

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A north view of South 17th Street with children crossing the street to the old Capitol Elementary School, 1941.



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