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WOODS CHARITABLE FUND AWARDS GRANTS

Woods Charitable Fund, Inc., a private grant-making foundation, today announced the approval of new and renewal grants in Lincoln, Nebraska totaling up to \$677,296, with two grant cycles remaining for the year. Nineteen tax-exempt organizations will benefit from these awards (ATTACHED). Three of the grants awarded at the March board meeting are highlighted below:

Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools (\$100,000) – Continued support of the *Community Learning Centers*, which offer educational and supportive services to children, families and neighborhood residents in local public schools, in partnership with Family Service Association, the YMCA, Cedars Youth Services, Lincoln Public Schools Title I, the City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation, Lincoln Housing Authority, Malone Community Center, Northeast Family Resource Center and Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters

Downtown Lincoln Foundation (up to \$15,000) – Toward a photo mural by Lincoln artist Larry Roots entitled *Our Community...Larger Than Life* to be featured on both sides of the skywalk located on 12th Street, between 'N' and 'O' Streets

Lincoln Action Program, Inc. (\$35,000) – To sustain and extend the *Lincoln Free To Grow* program, focusing on revitalizing the Clinton Neighborhood to create a safer and more stable inner-city neighborhood for its 5,000 residents, in partnership with 13 private and public organizations

Woods Charitable Fund, Inc. makes grants three times a year to tax-exempt organizations seeking funding for programs in the areas of: Human Services, Civic & Community, Education, and Arts & Culture, as well as programs and initiatives designed to assist new Americans in Lincoln. For more information on funding guidelines, call 436.5971, visit the Fund's website at www.woodscharitable.org, or write to either Pam Baker, Tom Woods or Angie Zmarzly at P.O. Box 81309, Lincoln, NE 68501.

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Center for People in Need (\$31,846) – In partnership with the Food Bank of Lincoln, to expand the Neighborhood Mobile Resources Center and enhance the impact of the *Neighborhood FOOD* program by offering referrals, basic need items and other supportive services to low income people

Center for People in Need (\$32,000) – To continue and expand public policy education on issues affecting low income and high need populations

CenterPointe, Inc. (\$98,200) – Three-year support for a new Director of Development to lead fundraising activities and develop private funds for this organization dedicated to serving those affected by substance abuse and mental health issues

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Flatwater Shakespeare Company (\$30,000) For support of the organization's Artistic Director and Managing Director to aid in the ongoing development of this Shakespeare-focused theatre's presence in Lincoln

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Lincoln Medical Education Partnership (\$17,000) – To support the continued growth and expansion of the *School Community Intervention Program (SCIP)* to help elementary, middle and high school students with drug and alcohol abuse

Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra (\$30,000) – For partial support of the organization's Development Director and Marketing Director positions to increase its capacity and expand its audience

The Loft at the Mill (\$22,000) – To fund the Business Manager position to oversee the general operations of this organization that serves as a community-wide center for the arts

Lux Center for the Arts (\$29,000) – Toward organizational strategic planning, marketing research and community assessment for this organization offering art education services to all ages

The Mediation Center (\$35,000) – Second and third-year support of a Marketing/Development Specialist to diversify the Center's funding base and increase the amount of revenue from the fee-for-service programs of this organization dedicated to helping people reach agreement through mediation

MilkWorks (\$8,372) – For a part-time Office Assistant to build the capacity of this organization dedicated to providing accurate breastfeeding information and support to mothers and healthcare providers through Board Certified lactation consultants

Mourning Hope (\$6,000) – Third-year support for general operating expenses to support a transition into a larger facility for this organization serving children, teens and families experiencing grief

Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (\$22,000) – For the creation of a website and printed materials as part of the organization's *Learning from Day One* initiative to promote positive early learning experiences for young children

Substance Abuse Action Coalition (SAAC) of Lancaster County (\$5,000) – Partial support of a two-year comprehensive advertising campaign entitled *I Have Hope*, designed to decrease barriers to seeking treatment for substance abuse

United Methodist Ministries (\$50,000) – Two-year funding for the position of Bilingual Legal Adviser for the *Equity-in-Nebraska* program, a federally accredited program dedicated to providing affordable legal immigration services

UNL-Center on Children, Families and the Law (\$17,278) – For an interactive, educational website to support the Nebraska Supreme Court-led initiative, *Through the Eyes of the Child*, aimed at statewide implementation of nationally-accepted best practices in the courts' work with abused and neglected children and children in the foster care system

UNL-International Quilt Study Center (\$93,600) – Two-year support of an Education and Outreach Coordinator to help support public programming and educational activities during the organization's first and second years of operation in a new facility