

For further information  
contact: Pam Baker  
402.436.5971

November 15, 2007

## 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 **\$597,125**, as its third and final cycle of the year. Seventeen tax-exempt organizations will benefit from these awards (**BELOW**).

Of the \$597,125 in grants awarded, 7% will fund projects in the interest area of Education, 20% will fund Civic & Community, 66% toward Human Services, and 7% for Arts & Culture.

*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](http://www.woodscharitable.org), or write to either Pam Baker, Tom Woods or Angie Zmarzly at P.O. Box 81309, Lincoln, NE 68501.*

###

### Approved for Funding by Woods Charitable Fund, Inc., November 2007

***Adoption Links Worldwide, Inc. (\$15,525)*** – For staff support and contracting fees to pursue Hague Accreditation in order to comply with new international adoption laws for this organization dedicated to matching Nebraska families with children around the world who are in need of permanent homes

***Asian Community and Cultural Center (\$30,000)*** – Second-year support of staff time toward sustaining the *Asian Elderly New Americans Enrichment Project*, a long-standing program of the Center that makes vital human services and social interactions more accessible to Asian seniors

***CASA for Lancaster County (\$25,000)*** – Third-year support of outreach efforts toward the recruitment of minority and male volunteers for this organization dedicated to providing volunteer court advocacy for abused and neglected children

***City of Lincoln, Department of Parks and Recreation (\$20,000)*** – To build a time wall for Trago Park and Malone Community Center expressing and memorializing the Malone neighborhood African American community's history prior to and during the 1960s Civil Rights Movement

***El Centro de las Americas (\$25,000)*** – Second-year staff salary support during a transitional restructuring period for the Center whose purpose is to enhance the quality of life for the Hispanic population of Lincoln and develop linkages between the Hispanic community and the community at large

***Families Inspiring Families (\$17,500)*** – Support for establishing an advocacy and support program for families whose children are at risk of becoming state wards due to having emotional, behavioral and/or mental health issues

***Friends of Haymarket Theatre (\$20,000)*** – For general operating and organizational capacity building for the Theatre and development of resource sharing among Lincoln's performing arts groups

***Friendship Home of Lincoln (\$14,100)*** – Support for various capital renovations, equipment and furnishings for this 25-bed emergency shelter for women and children who experience domestic violence or sexual assault

***Goodwill Industries Serving Southeast Nebraska, Inc. (\$54,000)*** – Two-year support to enhance employment and translation services for immigrant and refugee job seekers and potential employers to increase the self-sufficiency of New Americans living in Lincoln and Lancaster County

***Legal Aid of Nebraska (\$25,000)*** – Toward the newly expanded *Ethnic Island and Special Population Outreach* program that will provide free civil legal aid at various cultural centers in Lincoln to those hindered by cultural or language barriers

***Lincoln Children's Zoo (\$45,000)*** – For organizational technology improvements to allow the Zoo to maintain comprehensive and efficient records of its members, guests, donors and program users

***Northeast Family Resource Center (\$30,000)*** – For administrative support and for efforts in capacity building and strategic planning of this organization whose mission is to build strong families and neighborhoods in northeast Lincoln through education and support

***Planned Parenthood of Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Inc. (\$150,000)*** – Three-year general operating support for this organization that provides affordable and confidential reproductive health care and sex education in Lincoln, Omaha and Council Bluffs, Iowa

***Seniors Foundation (\$15,000)*** – To establish a volunteer social transportation program to respond to the increasing need for non-medical and non-specialized transportation assistance for older adults in Lincoln

***UNL-Center on Children, Families and the Law (\$61,000)*** – In partnership with Lancaster County Juvenile Court, two-year funding to develop judicial guidelines on children's participation in their foster care hearings through assessing child perceptions and attitudes about court participation and gathering information on the impact of their participation

***UNL-Public Policy Center (\$25,000)*** – For the translation of civil and self-represented litigant court forms into Spanish, Vietnamese and Arabic to help limited- and non-English speakers overcome barriers to accessing and navigating Nebraska's court systems

***Voices for Children in Nebraska (\$25,000)*** – To create a new organizational capacity and structure, including staff expansion, in order to sustain through leadership transition this statewide organization that advocates for the well-being of children and youth in Nebraska