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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 **\$303,850**, as the second of three grant cycles in 2010. **Fifteen tax-exempt organizations will benefit from these awards (BELOW).**

Of the \$303,850 in awards approved at the June meeting, 36% of the funding went toward Arts and Culture, 10% toward Civic and Community, 10% toward Education, and 44% toward Human Services.

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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Adoption Links Worldwide, Inc. (\$10,000) – Toward the Lincoln component of the *Wendy's Wonderful Kids* program that aims to find permanent, loving adoptive families for children in foster care

The Angels Theatre Company, Inc. (\$5,000) – For the production of and community discussions about *In My Daughter's Name*, a new locally written play focusing on the true story of a domestic violence murder

BryanLGH Foundation (\$20,000) – Toward the pilot program, *Healthcare Education Across the Lifespan*, a collaborative initiative of BryanLGH College of Health Sciences and Southeast Nebraska Area Health Education Center, to foster an interest in health professions among minority and underserved youth and adults through participation in clubs and camps

Central Plains Center for Services (\$20,000) – Toward the *Education & Training Voucher* program which provides post-secondary tuition assistance and other supports to foster care children and state or tribal wards

Community CROPS (\$10,000) – Support for the Executive Director position of this organization that develops and provides community garden space for immigrants, refugees and people of low income so they can grow healthy food and live sustainably

Community Mental Health Center (\$10,000) – Toward the *Open Studio/Wordshop* program, in collaboration with CenterPointe and Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department, which offers a safe, creative environment to non-traditional artists who experience mental health and substance abuse issues

El Centro de las Americas (\$25,000) – Support for the Executive Director position of this organization that exists to educate and empower Hispanic/Latino families and the community at large

HUB Central Access Point for Young Adults (\$50,000) – Toward the purchase of a new facility for this organization that provides support and access to services for young people transitioning into adulthood who are disconnected from their families and community

Illusion Theater and School, Inc. (\$4,447) – Toward performances and outreach of Project Trust’s sexual abuse prevention/awareness play, *TOUCH*, at Lincoln elementary schools, in partnership with the Child Advocacy Center

Lincoln Community Playhouse, Inc. (\$75,000) – Three-year support for the Executive Director position of this organization dedicated to creating and promoting quality theatrical experiences for Lincoln

Lincoln YWCA (\$30,000) – General operating support for this organization dedicated to facilitating the security, self-discovery and leadership of women and youth

Nebraska Humanities Council (\$10,000) – Toward its efforts to assess and engage young adults in humanities programming

Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation (\$10,903) – Toward the Nebraska State Historical Society’s project, *Who Are “We” in Nebraska*, an exhibit, lecture series, public broadcast series and a teachers’ institute focused on the history of civil liberties in Nebraska

Proyecto Cultural (\$3,500) – Toward the *Summer Dance Institute* of this group dedicated to sharing Hispanic/Latino culture with the community through educational performances

TEAMS Educational Center (\$20,000) – Toward its Community Relations/Development Director position and *Operation Reach*, a program for low-income families to gain access to tutoring services for children with special needs

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