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WOODS CHARITABLE FUND APPROVES MORE THAN \$730,000 IN GRANTS AT NOVEMBER MEETING

Woods Charitable Fund's Board of Directors approved grants totaling \$736,300 to 24 tax-exempt organizations at its November meeting.

Granted funding includes \$120,000 over two years to support the Community Learning Centers at Lincoln Public Schools, which coordinate programs to benefit students, families and their neighborhoods using schools as hubs of services. Community Learning Centers provide safe, supervised before- and after-school programming in 26 Lincoln Public Schools, weekend and summer enrichment programs and other supports.

The largest percentage of the granted funding – 40 percent – will support Human Services agencies serving Lincoln. Additionally, 24 percent of the grants benefit Education programs and another 16 percent funds Arts & Culture organizations. About 15 percent supports Civic & Community organizations with 5 percent of funds to benefit organizations outside these classifications.

To date in 2017, Woods Charitable Fund has awarded grants totaling \$2,362,300. Woods Charitable Fund has granted \$98,018,608 since the Fund's inception in 1941.

Woods Charitable Fund makes grants twice a year to tax-exempt organizations seeking funding for Lincoln-focused programs in the areas of Human Services, Civic & Community, Education and Arts & Culture and through its Breakthrough Initiative Grant program. For more information on funding guidelines, call (402) 436-5971, visit the Fund's website at www.woodscharitable.org or write to Nicole Juranek, Kathy Steinauer Smith or Tom Woods at 1248 O St. Suite 1130, Lincoln, NE 68508, or at info@woodscharitable.org.

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Bridges to Hope (\$5,000) – Support for a strategic plan for this organization that operates a warehouse of furniture, clothing and goods for people recently released from prison

Camp Summergold (\$7,500) – To fund counselor and staff expenses for this summer camp that provides an arts and science curriculum for girls ages 11-17

CEDARS Youth Services (\$40,000) – Two-year support of a pilot project to integrate prevention, intervention and therapeutic services to families served by its two early-childhood development centers

Center for Rural Affairs (\$15,000) – Toward advocacy and policy work on topics to benefit low- and moderate-income Nebraskans

City of Lincoln (\$75,000) – Three-year support for the Lincoln Police Department toward human trafficking prevention and deterrence efforts

Disability Rights Nebraska (\$100,000) – Three-year support of the Inclusive Education Lay Advocacy Program to advocate for and encourage inclusive education for students with special-education needs

Hear Nebraska (\$15,000) – A general-operations grant to this organization supporting live music and culture in Lincoln and across Nebraska

Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters (\$40,000) – A program-related investment for this agency that coordinates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships for at-risk children

Lied Center for Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (\$10,000) – Toward educational outreach at Lincoln Public Schools with the spring 2018 presentation of “Seedfolks,” a play about an urban garden and its community

Lincoln Community Learning Centers (\$120,000) – Two-year support of this collaborative program providing services for Lincoln Public Schools’ students, their families and neighborhoods

Lincoln Friends of Chamber Music, Inc. (\$7,000) – Support for educational outreach and audience development for this group that provides chamber concerts

Lincoln Lancaster County Human Services Federation (\$10,000) – General-operating support to this organization providing education, networking and collective action for Lincoln nonprofits

Lux Center for the Arts (\$15,000) – Toward the Artist-in-Residency program at this Lincoln arts center

Malone Community Center (\$25,000) – For educational programming and general-operating support of this center that honors and strengthens the African-American community in Lincoln through educational, cultural and advocacy programs for all people

Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children, Inc. (\$16,800) – To develop a Leadership Academy providing continuing education for early childhood education program directors in Lincoln

Nebraska Brass (\$5,000) – In support of operating expenses for this organization that provides brass concerts and educational outreach across the state

Nebraska Repertory Theatre at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (\$15,000) – To fund general-operating expenses during the 2017-18 season for this equity theatre company

Nebraska Writers Collective (\$10,000) – In support of the *Louder Than A Bomb* performance poetry program offered at 10 Lincoln/Lancaster County public schools

Nonprofit Hub Foundation (\$40,000) – For development of a Nonprofit Resource Center offering legal, financial management, marketing and advertising support for Lincoln nonprofit organizations

St. Monica's Home (\$20,000) – General-operating support for this behavioral health treatment center in Lincoln that serves women with substance abuse and/or co-existing mental-health issues

South of Downtown Community Development Organization (\$90,000) – Three-year support of general operations of this organization working to develop collaborations, create opportunities and engage residents in the Near South and Everett neighborhoods

Vision Maker Media (\$30,000) – Two-year staffing support for the Vision Maker Film Festivals in 2018 and 2020, which showcase stories of Native People and provide related educational resources for teachers, students and the community

Youth Actors Academy of Lincoln, Inc. (\$10,000) – Staffing support for this educational theater program for children and teens

YWCA of Lincoln (\$15,000) – Continued support for general operations and social-justice initiatives for this organization working to eliminate racism and empower women