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WOODS CHARITABLE FUND APPROVES \$529,000 IN GRANTS AT MAY MEETING

Woods Charitable Fund's Board of Directors approved grants in its traditional spring grant cycle totaling \$529,000 to 23 tax-exempt organizations at its May meeting.

The largest percentage of the granted funding – 54 percent – will support Human Services agencies serving Lincoln. Additionally, 17 percent of the grants benefit Education programs and another 15 percent funds Civic & Community organizations. About 14 percent supports Arts & Culture organizations.

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 Tom Woods, Kathy Steinauer Smith or Nicole Juranek at 1248 O St. Suite 1130, Lincoln, NE 68508, or at info@woodscharitable.org.

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ACLU Nebraska Foundation, Inc. (\$10,000) – Continued general-operating and staffing support for work focused on Nebraska's prison system and prisoners' and ex-felons' civil rights and liberties

Center for People in Need (\$20,000) – To support staffing for classes for English Language Learners at this organization that provides supplies, services and training to Lincoln's low-income and at-risk populations

CenterPointe Inc. (\$11,000) – Funding for Artists on the Edge and Writers' Wordshop, creative opportunities for adults with mental-health issues or in recovery

Community CROPS (\$15,000) – For support of the Yazidi Farmer Outreach Program at this organization that works to help the community grow and enjoy healthy, local food

Defy Ventures (\$20,000) – In support of the launch of Defy Ventures' entrepreneurial and life-skills classes for inmates at the Lincoln Correctional Center

Dimensions Educational Research Foundation (\$40,000) – In support of a Nature Explore outdoor classroom at Dimensions' office and new early-childhood center opening in the fall at 7700 A St.

El Centro de las Americas (\$30,000) – A two-year grant for family support services by this cultural center serving Lincoln's Hispanic/Latino population and the community

Family Health Services (\$20,000) – To expand hours, outreach and marketing to provide more services to adolescents and others at this agency’s Lincoln clinic

Flatwater Shakespeare Company (\$10,000) – Continued general-operating support for this performing-arts organization

Food Bank of Lincoln (\$45,000) – Two-year continued support of markets providing nonperishable foods, baked goods and fresh produce at Lincoln middle and high schools

Friendship Home of Lincoln (\$20,000) – Staffing support of single-family units for this organization providing shelter for domestic-violence victims

Girl Scouts – Spirit of Nebraska (\$15,000) – Continued support for outreach programming for Lincoln’s refugee girls offered at schools and community centers

Lead Up (\$10,000) – To support college visits and college-prep experiences by this organization that provides peer-led programming to connect college and career for Lincoln high school students

Lincoln Arts Council (\$50,000) – Two-year continued support for coordination of arts programming at Lincoln schools and other outreach

Lincoln Bike Kitchen (\$8,000) – General-operating support for this organization providing bikes and bike repair for adults and children

Lincoln Literacy (\$20,000) – To benefit general operations of this organization that teaches English language and literacy skills

Lincoln Municipal Band Association Inc. (\$5,000) – Toward educational outreach for this performing-arts ensemble

Mourning Hope (\$100,000) – Two-year general-operating support for this organization that provides services for grieving children and families

Neighborhoods, Inc. (NeighborWorks Lincoln) (\$20,000) – Continued support of community-building staffing and projects benefiting Lincoln’s neighborhoods

Omaha Performing Arts Society (\$10,000) – To support participation of Lancaster County students in the Nebraska High School Theatre Awards program

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, Inc. (\$20,000) – In support of educational staffing and programming in Lincoln

The Set Me Free Project (\$15,000) – To support programming in Lincoln that focuses on prevention education on the dangers of human trafficking and social media safety for elementary, middle and high school students

VolunteerLinc (\$15,000) – Continued general-operating support of this organization promoting and supporting voluntarism at Lincoln’s nonprofit agencies