WOODS CHARITABLE FUND, INC.

A Report for the Year 1991
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### 1991 GRANTS SUMMARY

#### Lincoln Grant Program
- Children, Youth and Families: $225,000
- Education: $103,500
- Community Development and Housing: $61,800
- Arts and Humanities: $163,272
- General: $175,822

**Total Lincoln Grants Paid**: $729,394

#### Chicago Grant Program
- Community Organizing and Community Programs: $637,500
- Public Policies Affecting Families: $475,250
- Community and Civic Issues: $279,500
- Education: $180,000
- Arts and Humanities: $171,000
- Special Purpose Grants: $34,000

**Total Chicago Grants Paid**: $1,777,250

**Gränd Total 1991 Grants Paid**: $2,506,644
About the Foundation

Woods Charitable Fund is a private philanthropic foundation created by Frank H. Woods, his wife Nelle Cochrane Woods, and their three sons. It was incorporated in Nebraska in 1941 and Frank Woods provided major endowment in 1952 before his death that year. In 1955 the Fund received one-third of the net residuary estate of Nelle C. Woods. Over the years the family-owned Sahara Coal Company, Inc. has contributed to foundation assets.

The Fund’s reports and Treasury Form 990-PF are on file at the Foundation Center in New York City and Washington, D.C. as well as in the offices of the Secretary of State in Lincoln, Nebraska and the Attorney General in Springfield, Illinois.

Purpose

Woods Charitable Fund makes grants to nonprofit organizations working to build stronger communities in metropolitan Chicago, Illinois and Lincoln, Nebraska. Woods supports the nonprofit sector in its role to identify and promote more just, effective and creative approaches. A particular interest is to increase opportunities for less advantaged people.

While the foundation’s overall purpose is constant, it has adapted guidelines in both cities. In Chicago, as a modest size foundation in a major city, Woods’ grant making emphasizes community participation in exploring policy options and seeking long-term solutions for urban challenges. In Lincoln, as a proportionately larger donor in a smaller city, the grant program is broader in outlook, supporting both direct service and policy programs that advance the Fund’s overall purpose.

**Trustees**
- Lucia Woods Lindley
  - President
- George Kelm
  - Vice President
- Thomas C. Woods, III
  - Vice President
- Sydney D. Beane
- Mary Decker†
- Marie Fischer†
- Sheila Griffin*
- Sokoni Karanja*

*Retired 12/91
†Elected 12/91

**Other Officers**
- Pam Baker
  - Asst. Secretary
- Suzanne R. Boyle
  - Asst. Secretary/Treasurer
- Jean Rudd
  - Executive Director
- Charles N. Wheatley
  - Secretary/Treasurer

**Founders**
- Frank H. Woods (1868-1952)
- Nelle C. Woods (1870-1950)
- Thomas C. Woods (1895-1958)
- Henry C. Woods (1895-1968)
- Frank H. Woods, Jr. (1905-1980)

**Staff**
- Jean Rudd
  - Executive Director
- Pam Baker
  - Director, Lincoln Office
- Ken Rolling
  - Associate Director
- Daryl D. Woods
  - Program Director
- Virginia F. Gebka
  - Administrative Assistant
- Joan Lemke
  - Administrative Assistant
During the past five decades Woods Charitable Fund has contributed $62.6 million to organizations and initiatives, largely in its two cities of activity, Chicago, Illinois and Lincoln, Nebraska. It isn’t the amount, of course, but the individual efforts Woods has assisted that give meaning to our work—the capitalization of creative, committed nonprofit leaders; the investment in new or experimental ideas; the underwriting of buildings, art works and parks; the preservation of open land; the enabling of emergency ad hoc campaigns; the opening of opportunities for excluded people; the provision of a cross section of services and programs; the support of democracy at its most basic grass roots level; the assessment and revision of public policies that impact on us all.

All these activities carried out by the nonprofit sector operate on the fuel provided by volunteer and professional leadership, by aspiration and idealism and by money, often from both private and public sources. In each of the grants awarded by Woods over the years, the grants of $2000 and the grants of $1 million, there are stories of individual initiative. Woods has been privileged to enter into the new thousands of funding relationships that make up the history of the foundation. We must let just these few sample grants stand in for the five decades of our partnerships.

1940’s $65,000 to the City of Lincoln to purchase 50 acres of land, “thus saved from subdivision” for a park to be “permanently devoted to the recreational needs of the city” and named in memory of Col. and Mrs. Fred M. Woods.

1950’s Noting the shortage of people to work in the welfare field, a series of grants for fellowships for the graduate schools of social work at the University of Nebraska, University of Chicago and University of Illinois. The beginning of a series of art purchase funds for the Nebraska Art Association.

Major support for the states of Illinois and Nebraska for preparation and follow-up for the 1950 White House Conference on Children and Youth.

1960’s Support for the National Medical Fellowships program for black women student stipends.

A grant to the Chicago Commission on Religion and Race to help establish the Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities. In 1966, $100,000 and a central organizing role for acquisition of the Chicago Picasso sculpture in Daley Plaza.

Funding totaling $1,350,000, the largest grant in the Fund’s history, for the Community Center Building now housing the Lincoln Foundation and numerous Lincoln nonprofits.
1970's In the early 1970's, grants to the American Indian Center, to Aspira, Inc. for programs aimed at Spanish-speaking people, and to the Pilsen Neighbors Community Council, "serving a predominantly Mexican-American and black inner-city community in transition."

$218,000 for The Nature Conservancy to acquire 610 acres of virgin prairie in Nebraska to be designated "Willa Cather Memorial Prairie."

1975 support to the Chicago Citizen's Committee for Victim Assistance for its volunteer effort to bring together public and private agencies to improve the way victims of sexual abuse are treated.

To the University of Nebraska for research on "The Impact of Day Care Centers on Child-Family Relationships and Family Development."

1980's Support for the start-up of Voices for Illinois Children and Voices for Children in Nebraska, child welfare advocacy organizations.

Interfaith Organizing Project of Greater Chicago to develop a strong, church-based community organization aimed at redeveloping the city's West Side.

Three-year grant to Lincoln Haymarket Development Corporation for the Main Street Program to revitalize and enhance this historic section of Lincoln.

Funding to develop Women for Economic Security (a project of the Chicago Area Project), an organization of women with personal knowledge of the welfare system, to advocate for improved policies to help women on welfare find employment.

Beginning in 1982, continuing support for Designs for Change, a research and advocacy project promoting reforms in the Chicago Public School system.

1990's Lincoln Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., for neighborhood revitalization efforts.

Gamaliel Foundation and Midwest Academy for a joint project called "Women Leaders in Action" working to improve leadership training and community organizing with women in poorer neighborhoods.

NAP, Inc. (Nebraska AIDS Project) providing staff for AIDS programs in Lincoln.

Chicago Information Service for a publication on the functioning and voting records of the Chicago City Council.

Fifty years have passed since a Nebraska attorney turned businessman and his wife and their three sons incorporated this foundation. They were Frank H. and Nelle Cochrane Woods, their twin sons Thomas and Henry and my father Frank, Jr. At a recent board meeting, in evaluating our work and our direction today, we paused to consider the origins and evolution of the Fund.

In its very earliest years the foundation was modest in size and activity. Then in 1952, one month before he died, Frank Woods gave the Fund approximately $3 million and in 1955 there was a bequest from Nelle Woods' estate. The resources to enable these gifts came
from business interests such as the coal and telecommunications industries. In later years the three sons contributed to the assets of the foundation and the family-owned Sahara Coal Company in Illinois has made corporate contributions to the fund.

Frank Woods was the first president. Thomas Woods succeeded his father Frank as president in 1952, followed by Henry Woods in 1958. Thomas Woods, Jr. began his 22-year term as president in 1968 and I became president in 1990. While I am the first woman president, I am happy to note that my grandmother Nelle served on the board in the 1940’s. For most of its history, the foundation board has had family representatives from both Lincoln and Chicago, the two cities in which the grant making has been concentrated. In these two cities have been family members, business operations and a range of ties both personal and professional that link them.

The founding documents of the foundation gave little specific direction as to the proposed uses of the funds, beyond somewhat standard language: to make contributions to organizations “...organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, including the encouragement of art...” There were published reports, one covering the first 20 years, then two decades of biennial reports, and beginning in 1981 annual reports. They offer some insights into the current thinking of the trustees but overall suggest there was always a process of conscious thought and rethinking about the foundation’s funding purposes. Frank Woods, Jr. in particular was active in the philanthropic process, helping to develop the early Council on Foundations and to establish the Lincoln Foundation, Lincoln’s community fund. In Chicago he set up two funds at the Chicago Community Trust, named for his parents, for the purpose of enabling and encouraging “high risk” grants.

By not binding the future of the foundation to specific giving areas or approaches, the founders entrusted to future trustees the responsibility of helping the foundation evolve. Reflecting on how rapidly the world changes—needs, opportunities and our own understanding—we are grateful for and sobered by this responsibility.

Wondering how to acknowledge this 50th anniversary, we discussed the possibility of a separate publication. In the end, we recalled the words of our predecessors—“The Fund is not a monument to the Founders...”—and determined to look backward only in profound gratitude to our founders and past volunteer board members. We honor the past by responding to present circumstances and planning for the future.

Lucia Woods Lindley
President
Two people changed this foundation in the last five years. Every personality in a small organization alters the landscape to a certain degree. However, as the first trustees from outside the Woods family and associates, these two people seemed to change the chemistry of foundation deliberations and enriched the dialogue by their very lack of long-standing relationships.

The Fund’s board made a decision six years ago to ask community leaders to join them in the responsibilities of a Woods foundation trustee. They then identified two outstanding people whose experience, wisdom, and character added immeasurably to the decision making: Sheila Griffin from Lincoln and Dr. Sokoni Karanja from Chicago. Both had wide-ranging experience in the nonprofit sector and in many civic and community arenas. Sheila Griffin led efforts to develop the new Lied Performing Arts Center at the University of Nebraska. Sokoni Karanja directs Centers for New Horizons, an agency working with residents in Chicago communities dominated by public housing. They embraced the hard work of being a volunteer trustee with enthusiasm and sensitivity.

The end of 1991 saw the conclusion of the five-year board terms of Sheila Griffin and Sokoni Karanja. We are hard pressed to find words to express our gratitude and our respect for their efforts—and our affection. They have been generous with their time and their expertise. Woods has been enriched—and changed—by their contributions.

At the end of 1991, two new trustees were elected to the board, to begin service in 1992. Once again we struck gold. Mary Decker, former director of two nonprofits, the Metropolitan Planning Council and Friends of the Parks, has a strong public policy background and is now Director of Cook County’s Office of Capital Planning and Policy. Marie Fischer, a trainer for the Grantsmanship Center, is a former professor in the Department of Community and Regional Planning at the University of Nebraska and was also director of the Division of Community Affairs in the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. Both have wide and deep experience in numerous civic and volunteer initiatives and are frequent awardees. We look forward to working with these new leaders.

One other transition of importance at Woods: Virginia Gebka retired after seven years as Administrative Assistant in Chicago. As the office manager and sole support staff, she has personified the term “grace under pressure.” We wish her happiness.

Two new Woods initiatives took form in 1991. In Lincoln, the Fund announced and awarded the first annual Thomas C. Woods, Jr. Memorial Grant to support an innovative program dealing with youth. It honors both the commitment of our former board president to youth issues and the work of nonprofit groups in developing responses to
urgent concerns facing young people. There were some 15 applicants for the award. The winner of the $34,000 grant award was a collaborative project of the YWCA and Planned Parenthood to offer a comprehensive teen pregnancy prevention project that includes educational, clinical health, academic, career awareness and family involvement aspects.

The second initiative, in Chicago, is a new demonstration project enabled by a range of public and private funders. The focus is young, unemployed fathers whose children receive public aid—by and large a group of people ignored by policy and programs. Through demonstrations by different nonprofits in different communities, the project will examine means of re-engaging fathers with their families. A clear premise is that assisting fathers toward employment may have benefits for the family and reduce welfare dependence. This project was initiated by Illinois Department of Public Aid and Woods with leadership and funding now including Chicago Tribune Foundation, Field Foundation of Illinois, Inc., Lloyd A. Fry Foundation, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Polk Bros. Foundation and Prince Charitable Trusts.

While this initiative is just beginning, it holds out promise for identifying and highlighting policies that will help these men join both the workforce and family life. It seems particularly important as states are asking these poorest of their citizens to bear the burden of budget cuts.

Jean Rudd
Executive Director
About the Program

In Lincoln, the Fund supports a broad range of activities which include but are not limited to the **Special Interests** described below. We are interested in reviewing plans for pilot projects and innovative programs as well as sustained growth for organizations whose work coincides with the purposes of the foundation. Woods, in Lincoln, funds both direct services and policy programs.

The Fund looks forward to opportunities to review proposals joining non-traditional partners (academic, community, government, business, public service, religious) to explore ways to integrate perspectives and talents toward common goals. We support projects that involve coalition building, public education and advocacy to effect positive social change and improve opportunities for all citizens.

**Special Interests**

**Children, Youth and Families** A significant cornerstone in community life is the family. Its power to mold and develop mentally healthy, secure, loving members determines Woods' interest in supporting projects to strengthen families and provide opportunities for youth to achieve their full potential. This is a broad category and may include either direct service or policy programs focused on child care, single parenthood, the elderly, family planning, shelter, troubled families as well as others.

**Education** Our educational systems face the challenge of preparing individuals for a rapidly changing society. Today, more than ever before, education touches the lives of people of all ages—students at all levels, newcomers learning a second language and culture, adults retraining to handle new job responsibilities. The Fund looks forward to opportunities to review proposals from existing educational institutions and from creative new programs to meet the challenge.

**Community Development and Housing** To sustain or increase its vitality, a community must consistently nurture its development, particularly as that
development impacts lower income citizens. The Fund supports projects that empower less advantaged Lincoln residents to participate in the economic system and that foster community participation and responsibility thus joining people to solve problems and improve opportunities for all. Programs that expand the availability of local low-income housing are a priority of the Fund in Lincoln. Advocacy groups, neighborhood, citizen and community organizations are avenues to promote citizen involvement and strengthen neighborhoods.

**Arts and Humanities** Visual art, literature, dance, theater and music are cornerstones of a community’s aesthetic and ethical being. They can bind people through shared experience and understanding. They stimulate thought, communication and creativity. Woods supports programs in the arts and humanities that will enhance or develop the common aesthetic spirit through education, creation or performance.

Please read "To Apply for a Grant" before contacting the Fund.

**Funding Limitations and Restrictions**

The Fund will consider grant applications from organizations outside of Lincoln, Nebraska in the context of their impact on Lincoln. While the Fund makes grants in diverse fields, the following areas are not eligible for grant review:

- Individual needs
- Endowments
- Scholarships, Fellowships
- Charity benefits or program advertising
- Religious programs
- Capital projects in health care institutions

Applicants generally should be organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and have a written ruling from the IRS that they

*Nebraska Repertory Theater’s production of “Other People’s Money” by Jerry Sterner at the Lied Center.*
also are an organization described under Section 509(a)(1), (2) or (3) of the Code (publicly supported organizations and their affiliates). Occasionally the Fund considers proposals from 501(c)(3) organizations that are private, operating foundations. In exceptional cases, the Fund will consider fiscal agent and expenditure responsibility grants.

You should know before applying

- Staff can help you decide whether it is worth your time and expense to apply if you contact the Fund in writing or by phone with a summary request and budget information.

- Staff welcomes opportunities to meet with applicants after having read your proposal.

- Because there are absolute limits to the number of proposals the Fund can study thoroughly and support, many excellent proposals necessarily cannot be funded.

- Grantees are asked to sign a grant agreement form requiring written reports (usually at six-month intervals) on use of the grants in relation to the original proposal objectives and the results of programs.

- A selected number of grantees may be asked to participate in a post-grant evaluation to study in more depth program accomplishments compared to proposed objectives.

- We request a statement describing the multicultural impact that your project or organization may have.
First, please read the Fund’s guidelines, procedures and timetable.

Second, contact the Fund with a two-page summary request and budget or a phone call to determine if it is worth your time and expense to proceed with a full proposal.

Third, if the Fund requests a full proposal, please include all the information requested:
- **Cover letter** including a request for funding.
- **Summary** (1-2 pages) of what you propose and what you expect to accomplish, if not included in the letter.
- **Proposal** in any format but emphasizing what specifically you hope to accomplish in the proposal period (what purpose and results in what timeframe) and your strategy (how you plan to reach your objectives). The Fund especially welcomes workplans. Include also a brief description of the organization’s origin and purpose, the need your proposal addresses, the multicultural impact your project or organization may have and a summary of current, actual activities and staffing. The proposal itself should not exceed 10 pages.
- Copy of IRS exempt-status determination letter.
- List of board members with addresses and phone numbers.
- Financial statement (audited, if available) for the last fiscal year.
- Income and expense budgets for current fiscal year. Include dates for your fiscal year.
- Income and expense budgets for year for which you seek support, if different from your current fiscal year. Include dates.

- Send both over-all organization budgets and project budget if you seek support for a specific project.
- Listing of actual commitments toward your projected budget.
- List of other sources being asked for support and their responses to date.
- Form 990 IRS return if annual budget exceeds $500,000.
- **Proposal Cover Sheet** supplied by the Fund.

**Timetable**

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**Proposals that arrive well before the deadline have a better chance for careful review.**

Proposals not clearly within the Fund’s priority areas but not clearly ineligible are screened by the Fund’s local board members. If at least one board member seeks board meeting discussion of the proposal, it can be considered for funding.

Nebraska applicants should direct inquiries to:

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Woods Charitable Fund, Inc.  
P.O. Box 81309  
Lincoln, NE 68501  
(402) 474-0707
Grants During 1991

Grants are unrestricted for general support and for Lincoln-based organizations unless otherwise described.

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<td>Start-up funding for organization advocating for children within Lincoln and Lancaster County’s community planning process and promoting community awareness of their needs</td>
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<td><strong>Friendship Home of Lincoln</strong></td>
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<td>Support for children’s advocate and group facilitator salaries in shelter for women and children victims of domestic violence and sexual assault</td>
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<td><strong>Lancaster County Attention Center for Youth</strong></td>
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<td>To develop adaptive skill-building curriculum for youth staying at the Center</td>
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<td>Renewal support for drop-in gathering place for at-risk teenagers</td>
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<td><strong>Lincoln Medical Education Foundation, Inc.</strong></td>
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<td>Restricted to coordinator costs, consultant expense, parent study and review of community service providers in Teenage Pregnancy Project</td>
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<td><strong>Lincoln Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., fiscal agent for Woods Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.</strong></td>
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<td>For mural project to promote positive family and community involvement and a drug-free society</td>
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<td><strong>Malone Community Center</strong></td>
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<td>Third payment of three-year $38,000 grant toward gang and drug prevention project and salary of program director</td>
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<td><strong>Nebraska Human Resources Research Foundation, Inc.</strong></td>
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<td>Restricted to Com-Link Project developing leadership in youth who are on probation through juvenile court</td>
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<td><strong>Nebraska Stroke Foundation</strong></td>
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<td>One-day workshop for stroke survivors, their caregivers and other family members and a meeting of county representatives</td>
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<td>For costs of client advocate providing information and support to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and incest</td>
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Sniffles, Inc.
Second payment of two-year $15,000 grant for child care center for mildly ill children $5,000

United Methodist Women
Purchase of child care equipment for lending library program serving low-income care providers 10,000

University Place Community Organization, Inc.
For 1991 operating budget of Whitehall Family Resource Center working to stabilize high-risk families and prevent crises 20,000

Women in Community Service, Inc.
Second payment of $16,000 grant to recruit multicultural staff and support salary of social worker for behavioral treatment program at licensed group home for young women 15,000

YWCA
Thomas C. Woods, Jr. Memorial Grant award to support YWCA/Planned Parenthood teen pregnancy prevention program 34,000

Youth Service System
Expansion of outreach services for Teaching and Learning With Children program serving pregnant and parenting teenagers 15,000

Total Children, Youth and Families $225,000

EDUCATION

Bright Lights, Inc.
Renewal operating support for organization offering enrichment education mini-courses for children during summer months 8,000

Doane College
To upgrade academic and administrative computer system of the college, including the Doane Lincoln branch 20,000

First Plymouth Congregational Church, fiscal agent for
First Plymouth Preschool
First payment of two-year $15,000 operating grant for multicultural preschool program 10,000

Lincoln Action Program, Inc.
Renewal support for the Education Outreach Program working with low-income potential school dropouts 27,000
Lincoln Children's Museum
Operating support for museum providing children with a place to learn through participation and exploration $ 10,000

Nebraska Art Teachers Association
Renewal support of Prairie Visions, a discipline-based art education project 10,000

Nebraska Foreign Language Association
For summer 1991 operation of Language Camp for Nebraska youth 2,500

Nebraska Groundwater Foundation
For Groundwater Festival outreach programming to educate and motivate more Nebraska children regarding groundwater preservation 1,000

University of Nebraska Foundation, fiscal agent for
Geographic Educators of Nebraska
Support for organization working to improve geographic education in Nebraska schools 15,000

Total Education $ 103,500

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

Indian Center, Inc., fiscal agent for
Citywide Empowerment Organization
Support for citizen group exploring need and potential for organized citizen involvement in areas of community concern 4,800

Khmer Association
Support for native tongue vocational education project for refugees 12,000

Lincoln Goodwill Industries, Inc.
Salary support for rehabilitation program director for new employment training program for the disabled 15,000

Lincoln Haymarket Development Corporation
Restricted to equity provision for Haymarket Revitalization, Inc., for it to serve as general partner in the Grainger low-income housing project in downtown Lincoln 15,000
Northern Ponca Restoration Committee, Inc. (Omaha)
Operating expenses of Lincoln office while completing tribal enrollment, conducting tribal meetings and developing tribal needs assessment .......................... $ 15,000

Total Community Development and Housing $ 61,800

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

ARTSPIRIT
Production of “Ecclesiastic,” a modern dance theater project ........................................... 1,200

City of Lincoln
To send Lincoln artists to Lincoln’s sister city in Leninabad, Tajikistan as part of reciprocal artist exchange ........................................... 1,300

Friends of Sheldon Film Theater
Second payment of $10,000 grant for documentary film on life and work of artist Reynold Brown ........................................... 5,700

Lincoln Symphony Orchestra Association
Transportation and reduced price symphony concert tickets for lower and middle income senior citizens ........................................... 2,572

Magic Theatre Foundation
To develop and produce the original play “Sound Fields/Sound Mines” in Lincoln and Omaha ........................................... 10,000

Mid-America Arts Alliance (Kansas City, MO)
Second payment of three-year $30,000 grant to support performance, education and exhibition activities in Nebraska ........................................... 10,000

Nebraska Chamber Orchestra
To support search for permanent music director ........................................... 7,500

Opera/Omaha
For workshops and performances in Lincoln schools and community/neighborhood centers ........................................... 10,000

University of Nebraska Foundation, fiscal agent for Nebraska Repertory Theatre
Operating support for 1992 season ........................................... 15,000
University of Nebraska Foundation
Sixth payment of ten-year $1,000,000 grant for land acquisition, building construction costs and landscaping costs for Lied Performing Arts Center $100,000

Total Arts and Humanities $163,272

GENERAL

Food Bank of Lincoln, Inc.
Purchase of van and used forklift 5,000

Gathering Place
Portion of director’s salary allocated to the Soup Kitchen serving the poor and homeless in Lincoln 3,000

Hispanic Community Center
For general operating support of center working to improve quality of life of Hispanic community and enable meaningful participation in community life 20,000

Indian Center, Inc., fiscal agent for
Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition, Inc.
For salary of development specialist to develop Lincoln as a service area 24,000

Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska
For the Church and Mental Illness Program expanding congregational efforts to reduce stigma of long-term mental illness 10,000

Lincoln Interfaith Council, fiscal agent for Day Watch
Salary, taxes and benefits of Day Watch director at daytime drop-in center for the homeless 10,000

Lincoln Lancaster Drug Projects
To expand treatment center’s program for youth and adults with drug/alcohol abuse problems 25,000

Lincoln Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., fiscal agent for
The Meeting Place
Toward addition of handicapped accessible entrance and first floor rest rooms at The Meeting Place 3,650
NAP, Inc., (Omaha)
Salary of caseworker to assure continuation and expansion of Lincoln programs for those infected by AIDS and the HIV virus  $20,000

St. Monica's Home
Renewal support for psychological extern from University of Nebraska to work with Outpatient Counseling Program for chemically dependent women  6,750

Sunrise Communications, Inc.
Operating support for grass-roots, community-based radio station KZUM  15,000

United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County, fiscal agent for Community Human Services Planning Council
First payment of three-year $60,976 grant to operate Community Human Services Planning Council  18,422

University of Nebraska Foundation, fiscal agent for University of Nebraska Department of Television
To employ legislative reporter to expand coverage during this critical 1992 legislative session  15,000

Total General  $175,822

Total Lincoln Grants Paid  $729,394

PROGRAM RELATED INVESTMENT

Lincoln Public Schools Foundation
Loan to purchase and receive training for donor management system and software to maintain contributor records and to track alumni and store student data for school district accountability and curriculum improvement  $17,000
In metropolitan Chicago the Fund supports a wide range of activities that include issue analysis, public policy, advocacy and citizen participation. Two funding priorities are Community Organizing and Public Policies Affecting Families, a program currently focused on welfare-to-work policies. Two other “Special Interests” are noted below. The grants list that follows may suggest to applicants the foundation’s recent grant patterns.

Community Organizing: Participation and Leadership in Communities

“Community organizing does nothing less than provide people with the means to exercise their democratic rights and responsibilities on a continuing basis.” An organizing institute

What is community organizing? It is a process that brings together people who, individually, may lack the power to improve their communities; that enables local leaders to develop through training; that provides an arena for the community to identify problems and opportunities, and to apply community skills in proposing and promoting positive change. Independent, democratic community organizations can hold accountable the public and private institutions that may be the source of problems or the source of solutions or both. Effective community organizations generally are membership controlled, have active boards, hold regular conventions to determine their agenda and bring about institutional and policy changes.

The Fund welcomes proposals from all types of community organizing groups. Among the characteristics or goals that we value in community groups are:

- an active board reflecting the community and accountable to it;
- a growing, definable, inclusive membership;
- a formal program to develop the leadership capacity of its volunteer members and staff;
- measurable goals and projected outcomes that increase opportunities for lower income people;
- the capacity to achieve results beyond raising issues and reacting to circumstances;

Training in communications skills for community leaders through the Community Media Workshop at Malcolm X College. (photo: Thom Clark)
— a cooperative relationship with other organizations across gender, race and income lines;
— an ability to raise and manage funds to carry out its program, including raising significant local funds;

Community organizing groups, including new and emerging and well-established organizations, are invited to request from the Fund special community organizing guidelines before submitting a proposal.

Public Policies Affecting Families

This program focuses on public policies affecting the employment possibilities for Illinois' poorest residents: welfare-to-work policies. While there is a perception that welfare programs are shifting from "maintenance" to promoting self-sufficiency, in Illinois just over 1% of the Public Aid budget is spent on welfare-to-work programs. (Most is paid to health care providers.) Studies clearly show that effective employment programs, particularly for lower skilled people, require an investment. But these studies conclusively show that this investment pays back to the public in reducing welfare costs and generating tax revenue.

Well-crafted and flexible welfare-to-work programs can enable and encourage self-sufficiency, particularly if they have realistic goals in an era of high unemployment. Because there are more children than adults on welfare, policies must also be judged by their impact on the whole family, for example, by the availability of quality child care and continuing health coverage.

Many public programs have an impact on Illinois citizens moving from welfare to work: the national Family Support Act, Illinois' Project Chance, the Jobs Training Partnership Act administered by the Mayor's Office of Employment and Training, Transitional Assistance (formerly General Assistance), and City Colleges where thousands of welfare participants seek literacy and skills training.

In recent years Woods grants totaling $2.3 million have supported a range of welfare-to-work activities of nonprofit groups such as policy analysis, research, demonstration projects, public education, coalition building and advocacy. We believe the best intended policies and regulations can fail if they are not informed by actual experience at the community level. Woods therefore encourages policy-oriented proposals from community based as well as
larger organizations, from recipient groups, local job creation and economic development practitioners, and from people recommending both policy improvements and strategies for getting them implemented.

More detailed program guidelines are available from the foundation.

**Special Interests**

**Public School Reform** A single area of deep, shared concern for Chicagoans is the public school system. The future of our city depends upon it but the system has failed its students to an astonishing degree. Recent school reforms offer an opportunity to revitalize, school by school, and to refocus on classroom learning. The Fund hopes to support organizations working to make school reform a reality.

**Government Accountability** Many major city governments are severely challenged by the size, complexity and cost of responsibilities facing them and by decreases in outside revenues. Chicago faces these problems weighed down by its own governance traditions. Civic and community groups can build more responsive and accountable relationships between citizens and public institutions intended to serve them. They can help government identify problems, opportunities and effective approaches to bring about change.

**Funding Limitations and Restrictions**

Geographically, grants are limited to organizations in metropolitan Chicago. Occasionally the Fund reviews proposals from outside the city if the proposed activities have statewide impact or are designed for wide application.

While the Fund makes grants in very diverse fields, the following areas are **not eligible for grant review:**

- Fundraising benefits or program advertising
- Individual needs
- Endowments
- Scholarships or Fellowships
- Residential care, counseling programs, clinics and recreation programs
- Social services, except special projects with a clear public policy strategy or projects expressly planned for wide duplication

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*Neighborhood Capital Budget Group called on the city to assist neighborhood economic development through infrastructure investments.*

*(photo: Thom Clark)*
— Health care institutions
— Medical and scientific research
— Religious programs
— Housing construction or rehabilitation
— Business or economic development practitioners.

Arts proposals are reviewed only at the Fund’s June board meeting. The Fund makes multi-year grants to mid-sized performing arts groups and because other fields are priorities, the Fund makes very few grants. Please request separate arts guidelines and application forms.

College and university proposals are reviewed only if they directly involve faculty and/or students in applied projects of benefit and concern to the region.

Capital campaigns and capital projects (buildings and equipment acquisition, expansion and rehabilitation) are low priorities for the Fund. They will be considered only at the final (December) board meeting each year in relation to each other and to the greater priorities of the grant program. The Fund’s board approved no capital requests in Chicago in recent years.

Applicants generally should be organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and have a written ruling from the IRS that they also are an organization described under section 509(a)(1), (2) or (3) of the Code (publicly supported organizations and their affiliates). Occasionally the Fund considers proposals from 501(c)(3) organizations that are private, operating foundations. In exceptional cases, the Fund will consider fiscal agent and expenditure responsibility grants.

You should know before applying

— Staff welcomes opportunities to meet with applicants after having read your proposal.
— Because there are absolute limits to the number of proposals the Fund can study thoroughly and support, many excellent proposals necessarily cannot be funded.
— Grantees are asked to sign a grant agreement form requiring written reports (usually at six-month intervals) on use of the grants in relation to the original proposal objectives and on the results of the programs.
— A selected number of grantees are asked to participate in a post-grant evaluation to study in more depth program accomplishments compared to proposed objectives.

Chicago Commons’ demonstration and policy project targets the welfare-to-work transition by combining basic education and job training.
First, please read the Fund's guidelines, procedures and timetable.

Second, contact the Fund with a two-page summary request and budget or a phone call to determine if it is worth your time and expense to proceed with a full proposal.

Third, if the Fund requests a full proposal, please include all the information requested below, using this checklist.

☐ Cover letter including a funding request.
☐ Summary (1-2 pages) of what you propose and what you expect to accomplish, if not included in the letter.
☐ Proposal in any format but emphasizing what specifically you hope to accomplish in the proposal period (what purpose and results in what timeframe) and your strategy (how you plan to reach your objectives). The Fund especially welcomes workplans. Include also a brief description of the organization, the need addressed and a summary of current activities and staffing. The proposal itself should not exceed 10 pages.
☐ Copy of IRS exempt-status determination letter.
☐ List of board members with addresses and phone numbers.
☐ Financial statement (audited, if available) for the last fiscal year.
☐ Income and expense budgets for current fiscal year. Include dates for your fiscal year.
☐ Income and expense budgets for year for which you seek support, if different from your current fiscal year. Include dates.

☐ Send both over-all organization budgets and project budget if you seek support for a specific project.
☐ Listing of actual commitments toward your projected budget.
☐ List of other sources being asked for support and their responses to date.
☐ Form 990 IRS return if annual budget exceeds $500,000.

Timetable

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<td>March 1 - April 15:</td>
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<td>September</td>
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<td>December</td>
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Proposals that arrive well before the deadline have a better chance for careful review.

Proposals not clearly within the Fund's priority areas but not clearly ineligible are screened by the Fund’s local board members. If at least one board member seeks further review of the proposal, it can be considered for funding.

Illinois applicants should direct inquiries to:

Jean Rudd, Ken Rolling or Daryl Woods
Woods Charitable Fund, Inc.
Three First National Plaza
Suite 2010
Chicago, IL 60602
(312) 782-2698
Grants are unrestricted for general support and for Chicago-based organizations unless otherwise described.

### Community Organizing and Community Programs

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<th>Participation and Leadership in Communities</th>
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<td><strong>Arkansas Institute for Social Justice, Inc., fiscal agent for Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN)</strong>&lt;br&gt;Operating support for community organization working on housing rehabilitation, crime prevention and school reform</td>
<td>$30,000</td>
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<td><strong>CHA Residents Taking Action</strong>&lt;br&gt;For only citywide organization focusing on public housing residents in Chicago</td>
<td>7,500</td>
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<td>Restricted to technical assistance to develop an organizing strategy and workplan for citywide organization of housing residents and advocates</td>
<td>3,000</td>
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<td><strong>Chicago Alliance for Neighborhood Safety</strong>&lt;br&gt;First payment of $15,000 grant restricted to Intensive School Watch Cluster program building a cluster of “safe school zones” on Chicago’s west side for the physical safety of children</td>
<td>7,500</td>
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<td><strong>Chicago Neighborhood Organizing Project</strong>&lt;br&gt;Renewal restricted to costs of school reform organizer for group working on city’s northwest and southwest sides</td>
<td>20,000</td>
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<td><strong>Developing Communities Project</strong>&lt;br&gt;First payment of $25,000 grant to south side African-American organization working to expand its church base</td>
<td>20,000</td>
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<td><strong>Evanston Neighborhood Conference</strong>&lt;br&gt;For group working on fair housing, school integration and real estate practices in northern suburb of Chicago</td>
<td>15,000</td>
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<td><strong>Gamaliel Foundation</strong>&lt;br&gt;Operating support for training institute for community organizers and volunteer leaders</td>
<td>35,000</td>
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<td><strong>Gamaliel Foundation, fiscal agent for Women Leaders in Action</strong>&lt;br&gt;Final payment of two-year $17,500 grant for joint project of Gamaliel Foundation and Midwest Academy exploring women’s leadership development in community organizing</td>
<td>5,000</td>
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Greater Grand Crossing Organizing Committee
Renewal for community organizing in predominantly black neighborhood on Chicago’s south side $ 5,000

Interfaith Citizens Organization of Hammond
Second payment of $12,500 grant for community organizing initiative involving Catholic and Protestant congregational leaders in identifying community concerns and conducting public issues campaign 5,000
Renewal support 15,000

Interfaith Organizing Project of Greater Chicago
Renewal operating support for church-based community organizing effort on Chicago’s west side; includes funds to document history of their organizing 32,000

Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization
Toward costs of community organizer for south side organization celebrating its 25th anniversary 20,000

Lake Interfaith Families Together (Gary, IN)
First payment of $50,000 two-year grant supporting church-based group organizing to train leadership in Gary to provide solutions to neighborhood problems 25,000

Lakeview Tenants Organization
Second payment of $7,500 grant for north side Chicago tenants organization working to preserve subsidized housing 2,500
Renewal support 5,000

Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, fiscal agent for Cicero, Berwyn, Stickney Interfaith Leadership Project (Cicero)
For community organizing effort in near western suburbs of Chicago with additional funds for consulting and training 23,000

Metro East Church-Based Citizens Organization (East St. Louis)
Restricted support for community organizer position in East St. Louis organization seeking to improve basic city services and address drug problems 7,500

Metropolitan Tenants Organization
For coalition conducting tenant organizing and policy work to improve Chicago’s Housing Court, to upgrade deteriorating housing and to prevent discrimination against renters with children 12,500
Northwest Austin Council
For community organizing principally concerned with drug-related problems on Chicago’s far west side $ 10,000

Northwest Neighborhood Federation
First payment of first time $15,000 grant to support largely white ethnic organizing effort on far northwest side focusing on gang control 7,500

Organization of the NorthEast
Third payment of $43,500 two-year grant to revitalize community organizing in Chicago’s north side Uptown neighborhood; includes technical assistance support 20,000

Pilsen Neighbors Community Council
Restricted to hiring Hispanic organizer for community organization in largely Mexican-American neighborhood on Chicago’s near southwest side 15,000
Renewal for expanded activities combining organizing and community development; issues include education, senior citizen concerns and affordable housing 20,000

Rogers Park Tenants Committee
Renewal support for multi-issue community organizing effort on Chicago’s north side 12,500

Sacred Heart Parish, fiscal agent for Joliet Area Church-Based Organized Body (Joliet)
For new citywide church-based community organizing effort in Joliet, southwest of Chicago 15,000

South Austin Coalition Community Council
First payment of $13,000 grant restricted to organizer internship program for African-American local residents on Chicago’s west side 6,500

South Suburban Action Conference (Hazel Crest)
Renewal support for growing community organization in Chicago’s south suburbs 30,000

St. Denis Catholic Church, fiscal agent for Ashburn Concerned Citizens
Restricted toward salary of community organizer for new organization in far southwest side of Chicago 12,000
First payment of $12,000 renewal grant 10,000
St. Pius X Church, fiscal agent for Cicero, Berwyn, Stickney Interfaith Leadership Project
Final payment of $22,000 grant for community organizing effort in near western suburbs $10,000

St. Procopius Church, fiscal agent for Catholic Community of Pilsen
First time support for church-based community organizing effort in Pilsen, a largely Hispanic community; includes technical assistance funds for consulting and mentoring services 15,500

United Citizens Organization of East Chicago, Inc. (East Chicago, IN)
For community organizing in steel belt city affected by job loss and pollution, with particular emphasis this year in strengthening participation by UCO’s member institutions and their leaders 15,000

United Neighborhood Organization of Back of the Yards
Support for revitalized community organizing effort on Chicago’s south side 10,000

United Neighborhood Organization of Little Village
Second payment of $15,000 support for community organizing on Chicago’s southwest side 7,500
Renewal support 10,000

United Neighborhood Organization of Southeast Chicago
For community organizing effort in largely Hispanic community on Chicago’s far south side 10,000

Voice of the People in Uptown, Inc.
Technical assistance portion of $11,000 grant for community organizing program of long-time nonprofit housing developer in Chicago’s Uptown neighborhood 1,000
Renewal support 10,000

Women United for a Better Chicago
Restricted to salary of project coordinator for Women and Organizing Project developing organizing approaches for and with women 10,000
Other Community Programs

Center for Neighborhood Technology
Second payment of two-year $17,500 grant for publication of THE NEIGHBORHOOD WORKS $ 7,500

Centers for New Horizons
First payment of three-year $130,000 grant for management restructuring 50,000

Chicago Foundation for Women
Restricted to Women’s Leadership Development Initiative to build on leadership abilities of low-income women in Chicago 15,000

Community Media Workshop
For programs to enhance the influence of community-based groups by strengthening their media skills 12,000

Total Community Organizing and Program $ 637,500

PUBLIC POLICIES AFFECTING FAMILIES

Chicago Area Project
Fifth year support for Women for Economic Security, a welfare recipient-based initiative convening community-based affiliates to train welfare-to-work reform advocates and spearhead a campaign to improve welfare and employment training policies in Illinois 45,000

Chicago Commons Association
Restricted to costs of project director for coordinated adult basic education and job training demonstration project for residents of West Humboldt Park 17,500
Renewal support 35,000

Chicago Jobs Council
Restricted to a study of the implication of budget cuts on General Assistance programs in Illinois 3,750
First payment of $30,000 support for agency seeking improved public programs for the under- and unemployed 15,000
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<td>Community Renewal Society, fiscal agent for Parental Involvement Demonstration Project</td>
<td>Public/private funding collaborative with several partners seeking to improve welfare-to-work policy for fathers on General Assistance through community-based demonstration programs</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
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<td>Day Care Action Council of Illinois</td>
<td>First payment of two-year $76,000 renewal grant to improve day care policies and child care provisions in Illinois Department of Public Aid system</td>
<td>39,000</td>
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<td>Illinois Caucus on Teenage Pregnancy</td>
<td>Renewal support for welfare-to-work policy project focusing on monitoring impact of jobs legislation on teen parents</td>
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<td>Illinois Task Force on Child Support</td>
<td>For Institutional Advocacy Project addressing systemic problems in the Courts and child support enforcement program operated in Illinois Department of Public Aid</td>
<td>15,000</td>
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<td>Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago</td>
<td>First payment of two-year $100,000 renewal grant restricted to costs of staff attorney to specialize in welfare-to-work policy issues in Illinois</td>
<td>50,000</td>
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<td>Northwestern University, Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research (Evanston)</td>
<td>Renewal grant for policy research and dissemination of lessons learned at Project Match, a community-based program to assist adults on welfare to achieve economic independence</td>
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<td>Public Welfare Coalition</td>
<td>Renewal grant for advocacy group focused on Illinois’ welfare system</td>
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<td>United Way of Chicago, Inc., fiscal agent for Family Day Care Connection</td>
<td>Restricted to preliminary evaluation research for public/private venture addressing lack of quality day care services for low-income families</td>
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<td>Voices for Illinois Children</td>
<td>Grant matching new and increased donors to agency engaged in policy, research and advocacy work on issues affecting the welfare of Illinois’ children</td>
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Women Employed Institute
Restricted to project to study how well publicly funded job training programs assist low-income adults to become self-sufficient and to develop policy recommendations

$ 20,000

Total Public Policies Affecting Families $ 475,250

COMMUNITY AND CIVIC ISSUES

Public Policy and Planning

Community Renewal Society, fiscal agent for Neighborhood

Capital Budget Group
Renewal support for citywide coalition to reform Chicago’s capital improvement investment policies

7,500

Friends of the Chicago River
Toward costs of adding policy and planning manager in agency promoting improvement of Chicago River area to maximize water quality, public access and river-edge development

15,000

Friends of the Parks
Second payment of two-year $15,000 grant to improve parks in low-income communities in Chicago

5,000

Northwestern University, Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research (Evanston)
Restricted to Chicago Innovations Forum series of workshops convening community leaders and policy makers to explore community development issues and strategies for cooperative action

10,000

Society for the Advancement of Women’s Health Research
Restricted to November 1991 public hearing in Chicago regarding women’s health issues

2,000

United Neighborhood Organization of Chicago
General operating support for budget of central organization with three neighborhood affiliates working on policy issues concerning housing, school reform, economic development and immigrant naturalization

20,000
# Housing, Jobs and Economic Development

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<td><strong>American Indian Economic Development Association</strong></td>
<td>Toward programs increasing housing options for Native Americans in Chicago including developing a housing cooperative</td>
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<td><strong>Business &amp; Professional People for the Public Interest</strong></td>
<td>Restricted to costs of analysis of and recommendations for a public housing scattered site housing program</td>
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<td><strong>Center on Budget &amp; Policy Priorities (Washington, DC)</strong></td>
<td>To produce a report on Chicago’s housing conditions and affordability and to work with Chicago groups to publicize findings and recommendations</td>
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<td><strong>Centers for New Horizons, fiscal agent for Wells Community Initiative</strong></td>
<td>Support for comprehensive revitalization project for Ida B. Wells public housing development on Chicago’s south side including funds for evaluation of effort</td>
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<td><strong>Chicago Coalition for the Homeless</strong></td>
<td>Salary support for program associate to organize around housing and women’s issues at coalition seeking permanent and preventive solutions to homelessness</td>
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<td><strong>Chicago Community Loan Fund</strong></td>
<td>Toward start-up costs of new Chicago Community Loan Fund created by several organizations to provide new source of flexible financing for non-profit community development projects</td>
<td>25,000</td>
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<td><strong>Lakefront Single Room Occupancy Corporation</strong></td>
<td>Support for Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Advocacy Program to preserve and increase low-income housing in Chicago</td>
<td>15,000</td>
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<td><strong>Lawyers’ Committee for Better Housing</strong></td>
<td>First payment of two-year grant for organization providing legal research and assistance for low-income housing programs throughout Chicago</td>
<td>12,500</td>
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<td><strong>Suburban Job-Link Corp.</strong></td>
<td>Toward costs of marketing director in program to expand employment of west side Chicago residents in areas of suburban job growth and to expand this organization’s policy role in welfare-to-work issues</td>
<td>25,000</td>
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Justice, Governance and Equal Opportunity

American Jewish Committee, fiscal agent for Committee on
Decent Unbiased Campaign Tactics (CONDUCT)
To monitor, investigate and discourage political appeals to bias based on race, ethnicity, religion or gender in Chicago-area election campaigns $ 10,000

Citizens Information Service of Illinois
First payment of $15,000 grant restricted to publication of “City Council/County Board Report” 10,000

Fund for Justice, Chicago Council of Lawyers
Toward costs for preparing an updated “Legal Services Directory” and sponsoring seminars to link directory agencies with people needing free and low cost legal services 2,500

Roger Baldwin Foundation of ACLU, Inc.
Renewal restricted to Children’s Initiative pursuing better managed and more humane programs for the 20,000 Illinois children who are wards of the state 20,000

Total Community and Civic Issues $ 279,500

EDUCATION

Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, Inc., fiscal agent for Lawyers School Reform Advisory Project
Renewal grant restricted to joint effort of Chicago Lawyers’ Committee and Business & Professional People for the Public Interest to provide pro-bono legal assistance for local school councils 15,000

Chicago Panel on Public School Policy & Finance
Second payment of three-year $120,000 support for Monitoring School Reform in Chicago project 40,000

Citywide Coalition for School Reform
For coalition promoting communication, coordination and implementation of Chicago school reform by increasing capacity of local school councils, teachers, parents and communities to improve classroom learning for students 10,000
**Designs for Change**  
Second payment of three-year $150,000 renewal grant for SCHOOLWATCH, a program of parent organizing, advocacy and technical assistance to local school councils, community groups and parents  
$ 50,000

**Illinois State University, fiscal agent for Coalition for Educational Rights Under the Constitution (Normal)**  
Restricted to statewide educational campaign focused on equitable school funding in Illinois  
15,000

**Near North Development Corporation**  
Restricted to school reform initiative on Chicago’s near north side  
15,000

**Wieboldt Foundation, fiscal agent for Special Fund For Local School Council Elections**  
Restricted to a grant fund for community and civic organizations to promote public education and participation in Local School Council elections  
35,000

| Total Education | $ 180,000 |

## ARTS AND HUMANITIES

**Chicago Opera Theater**  
Second payment of two-year $20,000 grant  
10,000

**Chicago Sinfonietta (River Forest)**  
General support  
10,000

**City Lit Theater Company**  
Restricted to production of “Meridian”  
10,000

**Columbia College Dance Center**  
Restricted to DanceAfrica/Chicago, a special event celebrating and performing African-American dance including an African bazaar  
5,000

**Court Theatre Fund**  
General support  
10,000

**ETA Creative Arts Foundation**  
First payment of two-year $20,000 grant  
10,000
Hubbard Street Dance Company
Third payment of three-year $30,000 grant $10,000

Illinois Humanities Council Incorporated
Support of 1991 Illinois Humanities Council’s Festival, “Culture Contact” 1,000

Joseph Holmes Dance Theatre
Third payment of three-year $30,000 grant 10,000

Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum
First payment of two-year $20,000 grant to support performing arts activities 10,000

Muntu Dance Theatre
Restricted to organizational development activities 7,500

Music of the Baroque Concert Series, Inc.
Second payment of two-year $20,000 grant 10,000

Northlight Theatre (Evanston)
Second payment of two-year $20,000 grant 10,000

Old Town School of Folk Music
First payment of two-year $20,000 grant 10,000

Pegasus Players
First payment of two-year $20,000 grant 10,000

Randolph Street Gallery, Inc.
To help match National Endowment for the Arts advancement grant for management assistance and organizational growth for multi-disciplinary arts organization 7,500

Remains Theatre
Second payment of two-year $20,000 grant 10,000

Shakespeare Repertory
First payment of two-year $20,000 grant 10,000

Victory Gardens Theater
Third payment of three-year $30,000 grant 10,000

Total Arts and Humanities $171,000
**SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANTS**

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<td>Chicago Historical Society</td>
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<td>Restricted to the Saturday Sojourner Program for young women in connection with the exhibit, “Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America”</td>
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<td>Community Renewal Society, CHICAGO REPORTER</td>
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<td>Restricted to publication of the book “The Sick and Poor in Chicago”</td>
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<td>Donors Forum of Chicago</td>
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<td>Support for activities of Council on Foundations Host Committee at Council’s 1991 annual conference in Chicago</td>
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<td>Three Arts Club of Chicago</td>
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<td>Support for symposium on community-based arts and neighborhood revitalization planned by J.D. and C.T. MacArthur Foundation</td>
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<td>Grants totaling $25,000 selected by and made in honor of Dr. Sokoni Karanja and his past five years as trustee of Woods Charitable Fund</td>
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<td>ETA Creative Arts Foundation, Institute of Positive Education, Metropolitan Planning Council, Muntu Dance Theatre, Trinity United Church of Christ</td>
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**Total Special Purpose Grants** $34,000

**Total Chicago Grants Paid** $1,777,250
Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Trustees
Woods Charitable Fund, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and fund balance (arising from cash transactions) of the Woods Charitable Fund, Inc. as of December 31, 1991, and the related statements of changes in income fund and changes in principal fund (arising from cash transactions) for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in note 1, these financial statements were prepared on the cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets and fund balance (arising from cash transactions) of the Woods Charitable Fund, Inc. at December 31, 1991, and the changes in income and principal fund balances (arising from cash transactions) for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in note 1.

KPMG Peat Marwick

Chicago, Illinois
February 7, 1992
## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCE

(Exhibiting from cash transactions)  

Woods Charitable Fund, Inc.  
December 31, 1991

### Assets

Cash (including savings accounts and money market accounts)  
$1,455,479.41

Investment securities:

- Certificates of deposit, at cost which approximates market  
  $150,000.00

- Treasury notes and bills, at cost (market value $3,677,423.75)  
  $3,637,988.44

- Common and preferred stocks, at cost or approximate market value at dates contributed (market value $42,687,775.00)  
  $26,273,123.20

- The Golder, Thoma Fund (note 6)  
  $415,618.00

Program-related investment  
$17,000.00

**Total Assets**  
$31,949,209.05

### Fund Balance

Principal fund (Exhibit C)  
$31,949,209.05

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*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN INCOME FUND
(arising from cash transactions) (EXHIBIT B)


Income

Interest:
Certificates of deposit $19,498.45
Treasury notes 246,777.88
Treasury bills 32,922.34
Checking accounts, interest bearing 25,761.05
Miscellaneous interest 23.28
Total interest income 324,983.50

Dividends 671,246.01
Money market funds 202,888.00
The Golder, Thoma Fund income (note 6) 200,345.00
Miscellaneous income 6,404.05
Total income 1,405,866.56

Deductions

Grants paid 2,506,644.00
Expenses 598,063.74
Excise tax paid on 1990 investment income 4,396.92
Estimated excise tax paid on 1991 investment income 53,000.00
Total deductions 3,162,104.66
Excess of deductions over income for the year ended December 31, 1991 $(1,756,238.10)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PRINCIPAL FUND
(arising from cash transactions) (EXHIBIT C)


Principal fund balance at December 31, 1990 $32,373,521.39
Subtractions from principal for year ended December 31, 1991:
Net loss at maturity of bonds (24,006.91)
Excess of deductions over income (Exhibit B) (1,756,238.10)
Additions to principal for year ended December 31, 1991:
Net gain on sale of common and preferred stocks 1,351,046.06
Shareholder Class Action Suit settlement 4,886.61

Principal fund balance at December 31, 1991 $31,949,209.05

See accompanying notes to financial statements.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS


(1) Significant Accounting Policy
The financial statements of the Woods Charitable Fund, Inc. (the Fund) are prepared on the basis of cash transactions. Accordingly, dividend income is recognized when received and all expenses are recognized when paid. Under generally accepted accounting principles, dividend income would be recognized when earned and all expenses would be recognized when incurred.

The fund uses the specific identification method for determining cost of securities sold.

(2) Historical Information
Woods Charitable Fund, Inc. was incorporated in the State of Nebraska on November 7, 1941, as a charitable corporation not for pecuniary gain. On September 15, 1961, the Articles of Incorporation were amended to qualify the Fund under the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act of 1959.

(3) Market Value of Fund’s Assets
Market values at December 31, 1991 were determined as follows:

- Investments in United States Government at latest bid quotation.
- Common and preferred stocks at closing prices of national securities exchanges or latest bid quotation.

Including cash, the total market value of the Fund’s assets at December 31, 1991 is $53,473,368.16.

(4) Federal Excise Tax
The Internal Revenue Service has classified the Fund as a private foundation as defined in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Estimated 1991 federal excise tax liability is $52,200.00, against which estimated excise tax payments of $53,000.00 have been made.

(5) Commitments to Pay Grants
The Fund is committed to pay grants aggregating $1,146,254.00 at December 31, 1991. Certain of such commitments are contingent upon the fulfillment of specified conditions.
(6) Investment in The Golder, Thoma Fund

The Fund, as of December 31, 1991, made capital contributions in the amount of $1,500,000.00 to The Golder, Thoma Fund, a venture capital partnership. During the period of investment the Fund has shared in the results of the partnership and has received a return of part of the capital invested. The investment’s fair market value of $5,485,690.00 at December 31, 1991, is computed by the Fund’s investment in Golder, Thoma plus its portion of the unrealized appreciation of partnership assets as determined by Golder, Thoma in its annual financial statements. The following summarizes activity regarding the Fund’s investment for the year ended December 31, 1991:

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Investment at December 31, 1990</td>
<td>$ 499,298.00</td>
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<td>Pro rata portion of net income of The Golder, Thoma Fund for the year ended December 31, 1991</td>
<td>200,345.00</td>
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<td>699,643.00</td>
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<td>Less cash receipts during 1991</td>
<td>284,025.00</td>
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<td>Investment at December 31, 1991</td>
<td>$ 415,618.00</td>
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(7) Program-related Investment

The foundation had one program-related investment at December 31, 1991:

Lincoln Public Schools Foundation

On June 17, 1991, the Woods Charitable Fund approved a $17,000 non-interest bearing loan to be used for implementation of a computer system and development of public relations materials for alumni contacts. The loan will be repaid at the end of three years.