

"...They are magic beans mother," said Jack. "Magic beans! Oh you silly boy," said his mother and threw the beans out of the window. They went to bed without having anything. When Jack woke up the next morning, he saw a huge green trunk growing past the window, with enormous leaves. Jack called his mother and shouted, "It's the beans you threw last night." They both looked up and the beanstalk seemed to be growing right into the sky, disappearing into the clouds. "I am going to climb it," said Jack. "Oh, no! You don't know where it goes," said his mother. "I will find out," said Jack and he began climbing.

— From "Jack and the Beanstalk"

We learn a lot in the business of making grants. We have the opportunity to observe and support talented people pursuing creative ideas. Because we consider ourselves social entrepreneurs—*setting ideas in motion* is the Fund's tag line—we hope to locate and invest in the big ideas that will change everything for the better. **In 2009, we were reminded that, while big, powerful gifts sometimes bring the change we look for, many times a small gift delivers the most sizeable returns.**

One of those grants, spearheaded by Elizabeth Sterns, went to The Lincoln Quilters Guild late in 2007 for a project that wrapped up in 2009. The \$1,000 grant paid for fabric, pins, scissors and other materials allowed Guild volunteers to help young women and men in the Student Parenting Class at the Bryan Community learn how to tell stories and express themselves through textile arts. It brought 12 creative women into relationship with young parents facing challenges in completing their educations. Their interaction resulted in 18 quilts, 18 students proudly presenting the

stories behind their quilts and a vibrant project that is now in its third year. The small gift is paying dividends for the future in the form of confident young women and men, high school graduates and children with stronger, more self aware parents. The gains will pay forward for decades.

Woods Charitable Fund awarded and paid both large and small grants in 2009. We've published a list herein but also encourage you to **read more about the grants and the Fund's interests and approaches on its website at www.woodscharitable.org.**

If we can share information about any of our grantees beyond what is available there, please contact us.

Community need in Lincoln is not shrinking, yet gifts in this troubled economy have lagged. Please continue to make your gifts, both large and small, in support of organizations whose work you value. They couldn't come at a better time.

If you knew what I know about the power of giving, you would not let a single meal pass without sharing it in some way.

— Buddha



Donna W. Woods, Chair



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IN MEMORIAM

Marjorie Woods, who was a member of the Woods Charitable Fund Board of Directors between 1995 and 2000, died in 2009. Marge was a long-time Lincoln community volunteer, wife and mother who had studied to be a teacher. She loved the arts and beauty and was not only a patron but also a painter and needlepointer. Marge was always interested in learning even at a time in her life when she had already accumulated a wealth of information and wisdom. We appreciated the fact that she was straightforward and spoke her mind, enriching our decisions. She was a gift to the Fund and we miss her.



(L to R) Gary Czapl, Bryan Community Principal; Cheryl Wilkins, Student Parenting Class Instructor; Elizabeth Sterns, Lincoln Quilters Guild

THE BRYAN COMMUNITY YOUNG QUILTERS PROJECT

The collaboration among the Lincoln Quilters Guild and Lincoln Public Schools was first imagined by Elizabeth Sterns, a member of the Guild. Aiming to provide an opportunity for high school students to learn about the art and craft of quilt making, a group of Quilters Guild volunteers - with a small Woods Charitable Fund grant for supplies and tools - committed their time to lead the first group of 18 Bryan Community students. With LPS sewing machines and Quilters Guild expertise, the students completed individual quilts and contributed squares for "cuddle quilts" given to children in need.

Students became deeply engaged in the quilting process and experienced quilters helped them solve challenging problems amidst the laughter and fun of each session. Young women and men completed their quilts, experiencing the thrill of exhibiting them. The Quilters Guild commitment to share the gift of quilt making is now in its third year.

Volunteers for the project included Margrethe Ahlschwede, Sandy Anderson, Barb Brown, Lauren Davis, Ginny Harvey, Judy Lane, Martha Lane, Kalie Laucomer, Kate Laucomer, Sue Lantz, Cathie Miller, Janet Miller, Joyce Pope, Marlene Saunders, Elizabeth Sterns, Sarah Elizabeth Sterns, Chris Taylor and Lois Wilson.

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The staff at Woods Charitable Fund, Inc. is pleased to consult with applicants at any time during the process to help strengthen their proposals and reports.

TIMETABLE

| Application Dates | Notification Dates |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| March 1-15 | Mid-June |
| July 1-15 | Mid-November |
| November 1-15 | Mid-March |

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Woods Charitable Fund is a private philanthropic foundation located in Lincoln, Nebraska. It was founded in 1941 by Frank H. Woods, Nelle C. Woods and their three sons, Thomas, Henry and Frank.

The Fund supports a broad range of activities which include, but are not limited to, the following special interests: Human Services, Education, Civic & Community and Arts & Culture.

More detail about WCF's history, grant-making and audited financial statements can be found on its website (www.woodscharitable.org).

PURPOSE

- To improve the quality of life in Lincoln, Nebraska by:
- (1) expanding prosperity and justice;
 - (2) advancing diverse and balanced participation of community residents; and
 - (3) stimulating creativity and ingenuity.

TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

Before applying, grant-seekers are required to either contact the Fund by phone or mail/e-mail a letter of intent, including a budget, to determine if your organization is an appropriate match with WCF's areas of interest. In order to allow adequate time for consideration, interested agencies are strongly encouraged to contact the Fund's staff well in advance of the application deadlines.

If the Fund requests a full proposal, the applicant will be asked to complete a web-based version of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Grantmakers Common Application Form, accessible only to those invited to apply.



In cases of extreme emergency, WCF will consider proposals of \$10,000 or less outside the set timetable.

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WOODS CHARITABLE FUND, INC. | 2009 GRANT/PROGRAM RELATED INVESTMENT PAYMENTS | December 31, 2009

HUMAN SERVICES

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| Arc of Lincoln-Lancaster County | \$ 25,000 |
| Asian Community and Cultural Center | 15,000 |
| Boys and Girls Clubs of Lincoln Lancaster County | 5,000 |
| CASA for Lancaster County | 12,500 |
| Center for People in Need, Inc. (general operations) † | 1,666 |
| Center for People in Need, Inc. (job skills training program) | 20,000 |
| Center for People in Need, Inc. (warehouse capital campaign) | 40,000 |
| CenterPointe, Inc. | 12,500 |
| Cultural Centers Coalition (Development Coordinator position) | 15,000 |
| Cultural Centers Coalition (co-location feasibility study) | 30,000 |
| El Centro de las Americas | 25,000 |
| Families Inspiring Families | 20,000 |
| Family Service Association of Lincoln | 30,000 |
| Food Bank of Lincoln, Inc. † | 1,668 |
| Fresh Start, Inc. | 20,000 |
| Friendship Home of Lincoln | 15,000 |
| Good Neighbor Community Center, Inc. | 10,000 |
| Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters | 10,000 |
| Houses of Hope of Nebraska, Inc. | 75,000 |
| Lincoln Action Program, Inc. | 30,000 |
| Lincoln Lancaster County Child Advocacy Center | 60,000 |
| Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska | 25,000 |
| Malone Community Center † | 1,666 |
| Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach | 50,000 |
| Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children, Inc. | 20,000 |
| Nebraska State Bar Foundation | 10,000 |
| Partners in Recovery Foundation | 5,000 |
| Planned Parenthood of Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Inc. | 50,000 |
| Seniors Foundation | 15,000 |
| St. Monica's Home | 95,000 |
| State of Nebraska, Region V Systems | 5,000 |
| UNL-Public Policy Center | 10,000 |
| Voices for Children in Nebraska | 30,000 |
| Voices of Hope Lincoln, Inc. | 30,000 |
| Total Human Services | \$ 820,000 |

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY

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| Center for Rural Affairs | \$ 25,000 |
| Community CROPS | 15,000 |
| Community Development Resources | 20,000 |
| Community Services Fund of Nebraska | 6,000 |
| Heritage Nebraska | 10,000 |
| Legal Aid of Nebraska | 25,000 |
| Lincoln Housing Charities | 10,000 |
| Lincoln Lancaster County Human Services Federation, Inc. | 3,500 |
| The Mediation Center | 17,600 |
| Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest, Inc. | 43,832 |
| State of Nebraska-Nebraska Department of Correctional Services | 6,750 |
| United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County | 5,000 |

† Indicates retiring board member grant designation

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY (continued)

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| Udowntowners | 15,000 |
| VolunteerLinc dba Volunteer Partners | 30,790 |
| Total Civic and Community | \$ 233,472 |

ARTS AND CULTURE

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| The Angels Company (Reviving Ophelia) | \$ 2,200 |
| Flatwater Shakespeare Company | 10,000 |
| Friends of Arts Are Basic | 20,000 |
| Friends of Haydon, Inc. | 15,000 |
| Friends of Lied | 5,000 |
| Friends of the Haymarket Theatre | 6,000 |
| Friends of the Mary Riepma Ross Film Theatre | 7,000 |
| Heritage Films (Program Related Investment) | 5,000 |
| Lincoln Community Playhouse, Inc. | 20,000 |
| Nebraska Art Association | 8,000 |
| Nebraska Center for the Book | 1,500 |
| Nebraska Cultural Endowment | 20,000 |
| TADA Productions, Inc. | 12,500 |
| University of Nebraska Foundation (Sheldon Annex) | 50,000 |
| UNL-African American and African Studies Program | 5,000 |
| UNL-International Quilt Study Center | 25,000 |
| UNL-Nebraska Repertory Theatre | 15,000 |
| Total Arts and Culture | \$ 227,200 |

EDUCATION

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| Bright Lights, Inc. | \$ 7,500 |
| Lighthouse | 20,000 |
| Lincoln Literacy Council | 64,000 |
| Nebraska Wesleyan University | 8,500 |
| Union College | 28,170 |
| YMCA of Lincoln | 20,000 |
| Total Education | \$ 148,170 |

MISCELLANEOUS

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| Lincoln City Libraries | \$ 10,000 |
| Lincoln Parks and Recreation Foundation | 5,000 |
| Total Miscellaneous | \$ 15,000 |

TOTAL GRANTS PAID, 2009 \$ 1,443,842

Summary of 2009 Grants Paid by Special Interest Area

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| Civic & Community | \$233,472 | 16% |
| Arts & Culture | \$227,200 | 16% |
| Education | \$148,170 | 10% |
| Miscellaneous | \$15,000 | 1% |
| Human Services | \$820,000 | 57% |

