**A Year of Change for Woods Charitable Fund**

It’s been a year of transition at Woods Charitable Fund, beginning with a change in leadership and ending soon with a new office location. Here’s a look at the new aspects of WCF.

**Tom Woods is WCF’s new President.**

Tom’s new role began March 1 when he succeeded Pam Baker, who retired as Executive Director of the Fund after more than 23 years. Tom began working for the Fund in 1999 and most recently was a Senior Program Officer. He earned both a Master’s Degree in Public Administration and a Certificate of Non-Profit Management from the University of Pittsburgh. He came to the Fund after serving as a Program Associate at the Community Foundation Serving Coastal South Carolina (Charleston).

**Kathy Steinauer Smith is WCF’s new Program Associate.**

Kathy started in her new role with the Fund in July, and she is primarily responsible for grants management, program review and communications duties. Kathy had worked for the Lincoln Journal Star in various editing roles for seven years and also previously worked in public relations for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She also assisted the Fund with

**TJ McDowell Completes Board Term**

This year marked the end of TJ McDowell’s term on the WCF Board of Directors, which began in 2007. TJ is Graduation Initiative Coordinator for Lincoln Public Schools and has been Executive Director of the Clyde Malone Community Center and Lighthouse.

More than $9 million in 325 grants were awarded during TJ’s six-year term. For his parting allotment of $25,000 in director-designated grants, he awarded $5,000 each to Heartland Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Team-mates, the Malone Center, El Centro de las Americas and the Food Bank of Lincoln.

To make a gift to Woods Charitable Fund, please contact WCF President Tom Woods at (402) 436-5971 or at twoods@woodscharitable.org.
Ernesto Castillo to the board at the beginning of 2012. He is a Community Development Program Specialist for the Department of Urban Development for the City of Lincoln and administers and implements Community Development Block Grant-funded projects for the city, among other duties.

Carl Eskridge was elected to the WCF Board of Directors at the Board’s November meeting. His term will begin in 2013. Eskridge is Deputy State Ombudsman for the Nebraska Office of Public Counsel and has been a city councilman representing central and northwest Lincoln since May 2011.

We’re moving!

Construction work has moved along quickly this fall on what soon will become Woods Charitable Fund’s new location. The Fund plans to relocate its offices to Suite 1130 of the Wells Fargo Center at 13th and O streets in Lincoln shortly after Christmas. The office provides a space to host WCF’s Board of Directors meetings and a more centralized downtown location.

The move is a first for the Fund, which had been located at Lincoln’s phone company headquarters, at 1440 M St., since its inception more than 70 years ago. Frank H. Woods, Nelle Cochrane Woods and their three sons created WCF in 1941 with funding primarily from business interests in telecommunications and other industries in Nebraska and Illinois, including Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph.

In 2012, WCF was listed online as a Glass Pockets foundation by the Foundation Center. The Foundation Center created the website to promote transparency in philanthropy. It aims to inspire openness in foundations’ communications and increase understanding of best practices in online accountability. Featured on the website is a chart tracking grant-makers’ levels of transparency among various categories. The chart is intended to be a work in progress by facilitating ongoing dialogue with its foundations.

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