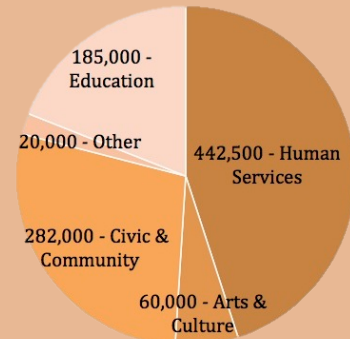


2013 Grant-making At A Glance

Grants and Loans Paid to Date:
\$989,500



Grant cycles completed: 3 of 3

Average number of proposals reviewed per grant cycle: 18

Number of grants awarded: 52

Average size of award: \$33,163

Smallest grant awarded: \$4,500

Largest grant awarded: \$200,000



The UNL class that created art for WCF's offices included (back row, left to right): Kyle Choy, Vilis Lipins, Professor Aaron Holz, Bonnie Ostdiek, Andrea Maack and Shereen Zangench. Front row, left to right: Carl Jernberg, Professor Matthew Sontheimer and WCF President Tom Woods IV.

New WCF office creates opportunity for UNL art class

The staff of Woods Charitable Fund ushered in 2013 in its new location in Suite 1130 of the Wells Fargo Center at 1248 O St. WCF's move also offered the foundation the opportunity to partner with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on a project that benefited art students as well as WCF's new home.

Early in the spring semester, Associate Professor Aaron Holz and Assistant Professor Matthew Sontheimer brought a few beginning and advanced painting students to WCF's offices to meet with WCF President Tom Woods and discuss the class project: The students were to paint artworks inspired by WCF's history with telecommunications in Lincoln. The students learned about Woods Charitable Fund's work and mission and visited the Frank H. Woods Telephone Pioneer Museum before creating their pieces.

Once completed, the students returned their varied paintings, about 20 in all, to WCF, which purchased six

More than grants: WCF finds new ways to invest

WCF has launched two new ways it can help Lincoln's nonprofits and community that stretch beyond grant-making.

In 2012, WCF's board approved a new Employee Volunteer Program, which supports WCF employees' desires to volunteer in the community and a mission of social responsibility. Employees receive up to 24-48 hours of volunteer leave to be used throughout the calendar year, and with the approval of the President, they can volunteer at 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations during regular business hours.

WCF staff members have volunteered for a variety of Lincoln nonprofits, including the Homeless Coalition, the Center for People in Need, MilkWorks, Community Action Partnership, Nebraska Mission of Mercy, Volunteer Partners and

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pieces that are now displayed in the WCF office. One piece showing two children communicating through string and tin cans in the old "telephone" game is installed in the office's lobby. Two others are detailed closeups of a pay phone and a vintage French princess phone.

"It's so exciting knowing that someone will see my painting every day in this building, and that there will be many new eyes who will get to see it also," said student Andrea Maack, who created the painting of the pay phone. "Woods Charitable Fund has been generous in giving us this opportunity."

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Tabitha Meals on Wheels. WCF also has joined Volunteer Partners' Corporate Volunteer Council to encourage a spirit of volunteerism in Lincoln.



Secondly, WCF's new office includes a conference room (see above) that is available for use for free to Lincoln's nonprofit organizations. Some organizations that have used the room in 2013 include Humanities Nebraska, Lincoln Community Foundation and Nebraskans for Civic Reform. The room is available during WCF's regular business hours and includes the use of the kitchen and a phone for conference calls.

Organizations Awarded or Paid Grants or PRIs in 2013

Asian Community & Cultural Center	Lux Center for the Arts Malone Center
Bright Lights	Mark of Honor Youth Lodge
CASA for Lancaster County	Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach
Center for People in Need	The Mediation Center
Center for Rural Affairs	Merrick Foundation
Center for Legal Immigration Assistance	Mourning Hope
City of Lincoln Police Dept.	Nebraska Appleseed
Community CROPS	Nebraska Art Association
Common Cause Nebraska	Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children
Easter Seal Society of Nebraska	Nebraskans for Civic Reform
Educare of Lincoln	Nebraska Wesleyan University
El Centro de las Americas	Northeast Family Resource Center
Family Service Association of Lincoln	OpenSky Policy Institute
Family Violence Council	Outlinc
Food Bank of Lincoln	Planned Parenthood of the Heartland
Flatwater Shakespeare	Providers Network
Friendship Home of Lincoln	Prairie Gold Homes
Friends of Woods Tennis	Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center
Good Neighbor Community Center	St. Monica's Home
Grand Island Community Foundation	University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Dept. of Community & Regional Planning
Habitat for Humanity	University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Plains Humanities Alliance
Heartland Big Brothers-Big Sisters	Voices of Hope Lincoln
Humanities Nebraska	Volunteer Partners
Indian Center	Woods Hall Craft Shop
Leadership Lincoln	
Legal Aid of Nebraska	
Lincoln Children's Zoo	
Lincoln Parks and Recreation Foundation	
Lincoln Public Schools	

Spotlight on WCF's former Executive Director, Pam Baker (1988-2012)

Pam Baker retired from her position as WCF's Executive Director in February 2012, after a 23-year career with the Fund. More than \$26 million in grants were awarded in her tenure. For her parting allotment of \$15,000 in director-designated grants, Pam awarded half to Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest, and half to Lincoln's Community Learning Centers.



What have you been doing since leaving WCF? "I left WCF in February 2012 and promptly underwent knee replacement surgery. After rehabbing for a couple of months, I welcomed my daughter and grandsons for a fun summer together. Then I went to work at Community Development Resources in a part-time/temporary position administering and promoting the Alice's Integrity Loan Fund for Alice Dittman and the Lincoln Community Foundation. I worked with the Loan Fund through May 2013. We loaned about \$75,000 in about 14 loans in that time, which exceeded the money and numbers from the prior year. I also helped facilitate some changes in the program to help make it more accessible to the people Alice hoped to lend money to. I helped get word about the program to Lincoln's nonprofit groups, including those serving immigrants and refugees."

What's coming up in the near future for you? "I'm trying hard not to follow my natural inclination to become busy - but rather to find spaces to relax a bit and explore new approaches to life and have fun. I still care a great deal about many community issues and am informally assisting when opportunities present themselves (when people ask!). I'm serving on two nonprofit boards -- The Sheldon Art Association and The Angels Theatre Company."