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## WOODS CHARITABLE FUND AWARDS GRANTS

Woods Charitable Fund, Inc., a private grant-making foundation, today announced the approval of new and renewal grants in Lincoln, Nebraska totaling **\$1,168,050**, as the second of three grant cycles this year. Eleven tax-exempt organizations will benefit from these awards (**BELOW**).

Of the \$1,168,050 in grants approved, 74% of the funding went toward projects in the area of Arts & Culture, 18% toward Human Services, and 8% toward Education.

*Woods Charitable Fund, Inc. makes grants three times a year to tax-exempt organizations seeking funding for programs in the areas of Human Services, Civic & Community, Education, and Arts & Culture, as well as programs and initiatives designed to assist new Americans in Lincoln. For more information on funding guidelines, call 436.5971, visit the Fund's website at [www.woodscharitable.org](http://www.woodscharitable.org), or write to either Pam Baker, Tom Woods or Angie Zmarzly at P.O. Box 81309, Lincoln, NE 68501.*

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**Bright Lights, Inc. (\$20,500)** – For support of a new Fundraising Coordinator and website updates for this organization that for 22 years has provided inclusive, unique summer learning opportunities for area youth

**Center for People in Need, Inc. (\$30,000)** – To continue and expand public policy education on issues affecting low income and high need populations by maintaining a legislative resource database, providing leadership for the Coalition of Human Services Needs and facilitating advocacy education

**Flatwater Shakespeare Company (\$30,000)** – Two-year support of the Artistic Director and Managing Director positions of this organization that aims to inspire and inform Nebraska audiences and students through theatre productions based in the works of Shakespeare

**Friends of Arts Are Basic (\$40,000)** – Two-year support for capacity building and agency partnering efforts to help sustain this organization that provides K-12 after-school programming and teacher training with emphasis in multiculturalism and the arts

**Houses of Hope Nebraska, Inc. (\$150,000)** – Toward the *Vision of Hope* capital campaign to create a new “recovery campus,” including three new halfway house facilities and an administrative office, for

this agency that provides affordable residential treatment and support services for individuals recovering from substance abuse

***Lincoln Arts Council (\$20,450)*** – For support of *Community Partnerships for the Arts*, a capacity building project to offer professional resources, technical assistance and trainings to help strengthen local arts organizations and artists

***Lincoln Literacy Council (\$74,600)*** – Two-year renewal support for the *English Language Academy*, a program that extends the organization's administrative and pedagogical strengths to over twenty collaborating ethnic and faith-based community partners in order to enhance and increase Lincoln's English Language services

***Region V Systems (\$5,000)*** – Second-year support of *Let's Build*, an initiative to assist community and faith-based organizations with becoming operationally effective and financially sound to improve their ability to better meet social service needs in the community

***St. Monica's Home (\$22,500)*** – Second-year support toward implementing its newly developed Cultural Diversity Organizational Model, *The Quilted Web*, to better serve its clients by improving the cultural diversity and multicultural competencies of this organization that serves women affected by substance abuse and other behavioral health disorders

***University of Nebraska Foundation (\$750,000)*** – In partnership with the 2015 Vision Group and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, toward the creation of an Arts and Humanities Center in Lincoln's Haymarket to function as Sheldon Museum of Art's community annex for exhibits, events and programs

***UNL-Lied Center for the Performing Arts (\$25,000)*** – Toward the production of *Loop Divers*, an original performance work depicting encounters and struggles with violence that integrates dance, theatre and interactive media and the company's interaction with diverse community constituents, including schools and cultural centers

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