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**WOODS CHARITABLE FUND APPROVES \$306,500 IN GRANTS  
AT JUNE MEETING**

Woods Charitable Fund's Board of Directors approved grants totaling \$306,500 to 16 tax-exempt organizations during its June grant cycle.

The largest percentage of the granted funding – 48 percent – will support six Civic & Community organizations serving Lincoln and greater Nebraska. Additionally, 29 percent of the grants will support Human Services groups, 13 percent will go to an Education program and 10 percent will benefit Arts & Culture groups.

Woods Charitable Fund awarded a grant to support the continuing capital campaign of the Lincoln Children's Museum, which has completed two phases of renovation. The upcoming work focuses on new exhibits to better serve the Museum's youngest and oldest attendees and is expected to be complete in May 2015.

Woods Charitable Fund makes grants three times a year to tax-exempt organizations seeking funding for Lincoln-focused programs in the areas of Human Services, Civic & Community, Education and Arts & Culture. For more information on funding guidelines, call (402) 436-5971, visit the Fund's website at [www.woodscharitable.org](http://www.woodscharitable.org) or write to Tom Woods, Kathy Steinauer Smith or Angie Zmarzly at 1248 O St. Suite 1130, Lincoln, NE 68508, or at [info@woodscharitable.org](mailto:info@woodscharitable.org).

**Approved for Funding by Woods Charitable Fund Inc., June 2014**

***ACLU Nebraska Foundation Inc. (\$10,000)*** – To support the Transgender Voices in Nebraska educational campaign

***Center on Children, Families and the Law at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (\$5,000)*** – In support of informational assistance to better prepare families entering the juvenile court system

***Common Cause Education Fund (\$40,000)*** – Second- and third-year general-operating support of this watchdog organization that works to keep government accountable to all citizens

***Community Development Resources (\$50,000)*** – Pass-through support for startup costs to create a new low-income federal credit union in Lincoln

**Family Health Services (\$5,000)** – In support of a program providing long-term reversible contraception for low-income women at the agency’s Lincoln clinic

**Family Violence Council (\$25,000)** – Toward third-year training of the Safe and Sound Initiative, a collaborative model that develops Lincoln’s coordinated response to handling child abuse investigations with co-occurring intimate partner abuse

**Guidance to Success Youth Club (\$20,000)** – General-operating support for this center providing at-risk children with academic and life-skills programs

**International Quilt Study Center and Museum at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (\$15,000)** – A challenge grant to develop and implement a new software interface system to digitize its collection

**Lincoln Children’s Museum (\$40,000)** – Toward its capital campaign, which is entering its third phase and will add a “Grow Zone” for children up to age 3 and a three-story tower for physical play

**Lincoln Community Foundation Inc. (\$1,000)** – Continued operational support for Lincoln Vital Signs, a collaborative project gathering and analyzing data about Lincoln in several key community areas

**Lincoln Medical Education Partnership (\$15,000)** – General-operating support for the Stepping Stones for Families program, which provides counseling, family advocacy, education and other services to low-income and at-risk families in varying stages of parenting

**Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska Inc. (\$5,500)** – Continuing support of refugee resettlement in Lincoln

**Meadowlark Music Festival (\$10,000)** – In support of this chamber music organization’s 2014 and 2015 seasons

**Nebraskans for Civic Reform (\$40,000)** – Two-year support of a new position focusing on protecting voting rights for all Nebraskans

**OmniArts nebraska (\$5,000)** – Support for its fall 2014 production of the Broadway musical comedy “La Cage Aux Folles”

**Seniors Foundation (\$20,000)** – A challenge grant to support a new Executive Director position for this organization assisting Southeast Nebraska’s Aging Partners agency