Woods Charitable Fund | 1941-2021

80 years of setting ideas in motion

$1,350,000 Woods Gift to Community Services Center

By BESS JENKINS

The largest single grant ever made by the Woods Charitable Fund, Inc., of Lincoln will go to the Lincoln City Community Services Center.

The 3-story building, to be called the Community Services Center, will be located on the southeast corner of 15th and N St. The city building will house the Lincoln Community Chest, Lincoln Community Council, many of the city's agencies, and other non-profit independent health, welfare and civic organizations.

Other organizations serving the community but not tenants in the building may use two auditoriums and several conference rooms.

Frank H. Woods of Chicago and Thomas C. Woods, Jr., of Lincoln, Woods Charitable Fund officers, announced the Woods Charitable Fund gift to the Lincoln Community Services Center at a special meeting Saturday of the Lincoln Foundation board of directors.

The $1,350,000 grant will be given to the Lincoln Community Services Center in recognition of its work over the years in serving the needs of the Lincoln area.

A number of the city's agencies, including the Lincoln Community Chest, the Lincoln Community Council, and other non-profit independent health, welfare and civic organizations, will be tenants in the building.

The Woods Charitable Fund gift includes permanent fixtures throughout the building, such as draperies, auditorium seating, kitchenглавлами and carpeting.

The Community Services Center will be a 10-story building with a total area of 100,000 square feet.

Community agencies and organizations will have the use of the building for their activities. The center will be open 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

Organizations approved for funding by Woods Charitable Fund in May were:

Asian Community and Cultural Center, $15,000 to help Northern Ponca become a U.S. citizen;

El Centro de las Americas, Good Neighbor Community Center, $10,000 to help Nebraska immigrants and refugees;

El Centro de las Americas, Good Neighbor Community Center, $30,000 to support family-support services at this cultural center that serves Lincoln's Hispanic/Latino population and the community;

Good Neighbor Community Center, $25,000 to support family-support services; and

Nebraska Immigrant and Refugee Services, $25,000 to support family-support services.
Free meeting space available to nonprofit organizations:
Woods Charitable Fund offers its office conference room in downtown Lincoln as a meeting space to nonprofit organizations from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. to noon Fridays. Call WCF at 402.436.5971 for more information or visit www.woodscharitable.org/meeting-room/.

About the Foundation

Woods Charitable Fund is a private philanthropic foundation located in Lincoln, Nebraska, founded in 1941 by Frank H. Woods, Nelle C. Woods and their three sons, Thomas, Henry and Frank Jr. The Fund’s resources resulted from business interests in the telecommunications and coal industries in Nebraska and Illinois, namely Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph and Sahara Coal Company. For more than 50 years, the Fund made grants in Lincoln and Chicago, and until the early 1980s, it operated as a family foundation under the leadership of trustees Thomas C. Woods Jr. in Lincoln and Frank H. Woods Jr. in Chicago. At the end of 1993, Woods Charitable Fund restructured into two separate foundations to better serve their communities’ needs, with Woods Charitable Fund continuing in Lincoln.

The Fund’s vision is to help build a community that offers a promising future for all, where everyone has the opportunity to participate and thrive. It supports a broad range of activities that include, but are not limited to, these special interests: Human Services, Education, Civic & Community and Arts & Culture. More details about WCF’s history, grant-making and review of financial statements can be found on its website, www.woodscharitable.org.

To make a gift to Woods Charitable Fund, please contact President Tom Woods at 402.436.5971 or twoods@woodscharitable.org.

To Apply for a Grant

Woods Charitable Fund offers two grant cycles per year and only accepts applications from nonprofit organizations serving Lincoln. Before applying, grantseekers are required to contact the Fund and complete a letter of intent, with project budget information if available, to determine if an application is appropriate. If the Fund requests a full proposal, the applicant will be asked to complete WCF’s web-based application, accessible only to those invited to apply. 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. More information about the application process including timetables, limitations, samples of applications and report forms and what is not funded can be found at www.woodscharitable.org/apply/.

Direct inquiries to Tom Woods, Kathy Steinauer Smith or Nicole Juranek at info@woodscharitable.org, or call 402.436.5971.
Lives of great men all remind us, we can make our lives sublime, and, departing, leave behind us footprints on the sands of time.”

– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

In 1941, Frank H. Woods, Nelle Cochrane Woods and their three sons created Woods Charitable Fund with an initial contribution of $6,805 (the equivalent of $125,438 in 2021). This was part of a long-range plan for the constructive handling of annual charitable giving and estate planning of its founders and to instill philanthropy into future generations of the Woods family.

This plan was implemented over the first 20 years to great success. In 1952, Frank provided a major endowment before his death that year, and in 1955 the Fund received one-third of the net residuary estate of Nelle. These gifts brought the 1955 book value of the endowment to $3,085,510 (roughly $31 million in 2021 dollars). The Fund received contributions from the sons, Thomas, Henry and Frank Jr., as well as shares of Sahara Coal Company and Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph stock over the next five years. By 1960, the Fund's book value was $12 million (nearly $110 million in 2021 dollars). Furthermore, the next generation of Woods family members had joined its board of directors.

On the distribution side of the Fund, its prime obligation from its beginning was to meet and serve the needs of the community and its citizens. Over the past 80 years, WCF’s directors and staff have recognized their personal and public responsibility in the management and distribution of the assets given in trust. The Fund was never intended to be a monument to the Woods family. Running on a continuum from its founders to its current board, the Fund has believed that different strategies and perspectives are required to solve society's most pressing issues. To that end, the Fund made grants to nonprofits in Chicago and Lincoln totaling $68.8 million from 1941 to 1994. Since the Fund’s restructuring, Woods Charitable Fund has solely supported programs impacting Lincoln. Grants and loans paid surpassed $104.5 million in 2021.

The Fund has always been committed to transparency: WCF was an early adopter in the foundation world of publishing annual reports to disclose its finances and highlight the work of its grantees. This year’s report takes a look back over the past eight decades to showcase the footprints left behind by my great-great-grandparents and their initial contribution of $6,805 in 1941 to start WCF.

We are thankful to partners and sources for the photos and headlines featured in this annual report – and our relationship over Woods Charitable Fund's 80 years. Beyond WCF’s photos, files and documents, sources include: newspapers.com; Asian Community and Cultural Center; City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department and the Parks and Recreation Foundation; the Community Learning Centers at Norwood Park and Brownell Elementary Schools; El Centro de las Américas; History Nebraska; HopeSpoke; Lincoln Community Foundation; Lincoln Community Playhouse; Lincoln Journal Star; Lincoln Literacy; Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach; Nebraska Cultural Endowment; Nebraska Wesleyan University; University of Nebraska Foundation; University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries; Vision Maker Media; the Willa Cather Foundation; and YWCA of Lincoln.

The Woods family photo from the 1950s is from Fred N. Wells’ The Nebraska Art Association: A History 1888–1971.
In November 1941, WCF was organized by Frank H. and Nelle C. Woods and their three sons: Thomas, Henry and Frank Jr. Frank H. Woods was elected president, with Thomas C. Woods elected vice president and Frank H. Woods Jr., secretary/treasurer.

**1941**
Frank H. Woods
President
1941-1952

**1952**
Thomas C. Woods
President
1952-1958

**1958**
Henry C. Woods
President
1958-1968

**1968**
Thomas C. Woods Jr.
President
1968-1989

**1989**
Margaret Small
Part-time Staff Member
1983-1988

Pam Baker
Director, Lincoln Office
1988-1993

Joan Stolle
Administrative Assistant
1990-1993

Lucia Woods Lindley
President
1989-1993
(granddaughter of Frank H. and Nelle C. Woods)

**Lincoln-based Board members:**
Sheila Griffin / 1987-1991
Marie Fischer / 1992-1996
Investments:
Woods Charitable Fund’s grant-making relies on the value of its investments. Its launch in 1941 began with gifts from the Woods family, and future resources stemmed from gifts from the family and business interests, namely from Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph and Sahara Coal Company of Illinois. Woods Charitable Fund invests its assets with a goal of functioning in perpetuity, ensuring funding is available for Lincoln and Nebraska nonprofits well into the future. This chart shows the fair market value of investments from inception to 2020.

In 1994, Woods Charitable Fund reorganized to focus its funding solely on Lincoln and Nebraska organizations; a portion of its assets were divided to fund Woods Fund of Chicago, which supports Chicago and Illinois organizations.

Grants Paid:
From its inception in 1941 through 1994, Woods Charitable Fund paid more than $68.8 million in grants and loans to support nonprofit organizations in Nebraska and Illinois. Since 1995, after the Fund’s reorganization, Woods Charitable Fund has solely supported Lincoln and Nebraska programs. Grants and loans paid topped $100 million in 2018.
November 5, 1941: Woods Charitable Fund is incorporated as a private philanthropic foundation in Nebraska to provide grants in Lincoln and Chicago. Initial gifts to the Fund from founders Frank H. Woods and Nelle Cochrane Woods totaled $6,805, and grants made that year totaled $795.

1947: Woods Charitable Fund provides a $65,000 grant to the City of Lincoln to purchase 50 acres of land now known as Woods Park. It was designated a memorial to Frank H. Woods’ parents, Col. and Mrs. Fred M. Woods, “to be permanently devoted to the recreational needs of the city.” Through its history, WCF has made dozens of grants to support the City of Lincoln and various projects, including its parks, libraries and public transportation. As the city was the first sponsor for the Lincoln Children’s Zoo, Woods Charitable Fund provided funds to purchase a chimpanzee in 1954. Later, grants helped acquire land for Wilderness Park, building restoration, construction of Centennial Mall, youth employment programs and more. Most recently, grants have provided funds for expanded training for Lincoln Police Department projects, and a 2013 grant supported Lincoln’s Tower Plaza at 13th and P streets (pictured below).

1942: Many of WCF’s earliest Lincoln grants support Lincoln Community Chest, a predecessor to the United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County, and scholarships particularly at the University of Nebraska, of which the founders were alumni. The Fund supported Lincoln Community Chest nearly annually through the early 1980s, with some grants designated for specific projects including a 1954 grant to study juvenile problems in the city of Lincoln. Scholarships and fellowships supported students primarily in the fields of humanities and social work.
1951: Woods provides its first grant to the Child Guidance Center, now known as HopeSpoke, which provides mental health services to children and families. WCF provided $57,500 in general-operating support to the Center in its first decade of operation and has provided 26 grants totaling more than $800,000 to HopeSpoke.

1953: Two funds supporting the purchase of art are created at the Nebraska Art Association for its collection now housed at Sheldon Museum of Art. This launched a longtime interest of the Fund to support art collections and acquisitions at galleries, colleges and universities in Nebraska and Illinois, including Goodall Gallery at Doane College in Crete; Elder Gallery at Nebraska Wesleyan University; and Omaha’s Joslyn Art Museum. Woods Charitable Fund has provided 36 grants to the Nebraska Art Association for purchase funds, art acquisition, staffing and other projects totaling more than $1.16 million.

1955: Woods Charitable Fund joins local citizens in establishing the Lincoln Foundation, Inc., now known as the Lincoln Community Foundation, to offer citizens a way to donate for the benefit of their communities. Woods established three unrestricted funds with $200,000 this year and provided additional support to the Lincoln Foundation for its organizational and development expenses. Over the decades, Woods Charitable Fund has supported funds in its founders’ names and general-operating expenses. In 1963-4, $1.35 million was granted for the building that still houses the Lincoln Community Foundation, at 215 Centennial Mall South. The building’s gardens and renovation projects received grant funds in the early 1970s and 1980s.

1960: Woods Charitable Fund publishes its first “annual report,” detailing the Fund’s organization and activities from inception. Woods Charitable Fund was a national leader in pushing for transparency among foundations and a first to produce regular reports. It published biennial reports from 1961-80 and has published annual reports since, and all are available at woodscharitable.org.
1961: A $10,000 grant to the Willa Cather Foundation of Red Cloud to restore Cather’s childhood home, shown below, is the first Woods Charitable Fund grant to support this organization preserving Cather’s legacy through education, preservation and the arts. WCF has provided 13 grants totaling $175,000.

1963: The Nelle Cochrane Woods Art Building is dedicated at the University of Nebraska. The Cochrane-Woods Library at Nebraska Wesleyan University, which was supported by grants in 1968-69, was dedicated in 1970. Both buildings are visible reminders of Woods’ support of these two Lincoln universities in its 80-year history. Beyond early funding of scholarships, graduate fellowships and art acquisitions at both universities, grants have helped with other capital projects, and more recent grants have partnered students with Lincoln organizations for service learning projects, to benefit both students and the greater community. WCF has supported a wide range of University of Nebraska-affiliated entities focusing on research, art, museums, humanities, community development, children’s well-being and judicial systems, and more.

1965: A $10,000 grant to the Willa Cather Foundation of Red Cloud to restore Cather’s childhood home, shown below, is the first Woods Charitable Fund grant to support this organization preserving Cather’s legacy through education, preservation and the arts. WCF has provided 13 grants totaling $175,000.

1968: Woods Charitable Fund continues its support of the YWCA, which started with an $800 donation in 1955 to honor the organization’s centennial. A grant supporting a residential facility was followed by several project and capital grants and grants for staffing and programs including a collaboration to decrease teen pregnancy. More than $1.3 million has been awarded to this organization that seeks to eliminate racism and empower women, including the most recent grant in 2021 for family and community engagement staffing.

1970:
Woods Charitable Fund Highlights | 1971-1980

1971: Woods Charitable Fund pledges funds to help build the Lincoln Community Playhouse, after earlier support for related building and campaign materials. WCF has provided 18 grants totaling $546,800 for Lincoln’s community theater.

1974: The Clyde Malone Community Center receives its first grant, to buy two passenger vans. WCF has provided 31 grants to this center serving the Malone neighborhood and Lincoln’s African-American community totaling more than $700,000. This marks Woods’ first grant to support Lincoln’s cultural and ethnic centers, which preserve and celebrate their unique cultures and provide a wide range of services to thousands of Lincoln residents. First-time support for Lincoln’s centers included the Indian Center in 1981 (see next page) and a 1985 grant to the Hispanic Community Center, now known as El Centro de las Américas. The Asian Community and Cultural Center received its first grant in 1995, and the Good Neighbor Community Center’s MENA Hope project, supporting immigrants and refugees from the Middle East and North Africa, was first funded in 2012. These five ethnic and community centers and projects have received nearly $2.25 million in grants.

1980: Thomas C. Woods III of Lincoln, great-grandson of Frank H. Woods and Nelle C. Woods (pictured second from right), becomes a vice president of Woods Charitable Fund, after the death of Frank H. Woods Jr. Also seated are, from left, George Kelm (vice president), Thomas C. Woods Jr. (president), and Lucia Woods Lindley. Standing are Charles N. Wheatley (secretary-treasurer), Jean Rudd (executive director) and Martin P. Adams (staff associate).
Woods Charitable Fund Highlights | 1981-1990

1981: WCF provides its first grant to the Indian Center, for a 15-passenger van. In addition to more than $355,000 in grants to the center in its history, Woods Charitable Fund has supported Native projects and organizations focused on health and safety, economic development, culture, visual art and filmmaking, including Vision Maker Media, pictured above.

1982: The Fund pays its largest annual total of grants, $3,447,485, and receives its largest number of grant proposals to date.

1984: Woods Charitable Fund provides a $20,000 grant to Lincoln Neighborhoods Inc., to study, communicate and coordinate issues and programs of concerns to neighborhoods. Further support in 1986 helps launch Lincoln Neighborhood Housing Services, which became the Lincoln branch of NeighborWorks, and the start of WCF’s ongoing interest in neighborhood and grass-roots organizing and housing issues.

1985: Three years of startup operating funds support Leadership Lincoln, to develop and train those with a passion for Lincoln who are willing to volunteer their services to the community. Thomas C. Woods III was one of the first community leaders approached about developing the organization and served on its original board of directors.

1986: WCF pledges $1 million for the Lied Center for Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, including land acquisition, landscaping and construction of the building, which opened in 1989.

1987: Woods Charitable Fund provides startup funds and leadership for Voices for Children in Nebraska, part of a larger national organization advocating for children’s interests to fight poverty, child abuse, and societal and educational challenges. Support in its first decade totaled more than $250,000.

1988-89: Woods awards its first grants in support of Lincoln’s refugee population, to Refugee Center, Inc., in support of education and intervention projects. In 2002, Woods would announce a special interest in supporting Lincoln’s New American populations that continues to this day.

Letter from the President and Executive Director

The Fund’s grants total in 1982 — $3,447,485.04 — was the highest in our history. This level was enabled by a sizable carryover of income from 1981 and was fueled by a large and still increasing number of varied proposals. (Our 1983 grant total should be considerably lower and closer to the Fund’s annual investment income for the year.)

1982 saw a record number of proposals arrive and a proportionately declining amount of time our staff and trustees could spend on each proposal. For this reason, we urge applicants to provide a one-page summary of their plans, and to limit proposals to ten pages. 1982 also witnessed a substantial transformation of the Fund’s assets as blocks of Salina Coal Company stock (formers comprising about 72% of our assets), were redeemed by the company and the Fund’s investment portfolio was diversified. This transfer, mandatory by 1984, was undertaken to comply with the Tax Reform Act of 1986, at local in the asset run, the Fund will have tax deductible income for grant distribution and higher management expenses.
1991: The Fund provides its first grant for staffing support for Day Watch, a daytime drop-in center to serve the homeless, and continued grants for this now-closed organization through 2003. Woods Charitable Fund’s interest in serving the homeless continued in 1992 with a first grant to Fresh Start, which provides housing and education for women, and in 1994 with a first grant for capital support to Matt Talbot Kitchen. Fresh Start and Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach most recently received grants in 2020 and 2021 for their programs serving Lincoln’s homeless.

1992: As a foundation focused solely on Lincoln, Woods Charitable Fund sets its priorities and interests in supporting proposals focused on children, youth and families; education; community development and housing; and arts and humanities. A special interest is placed on addressing family violence and a multicultural emphasis.

1993: Woods Charitable Fund announces a major restructuring at the end of the year to institutionalize two foundations based in each city, with Woods Charitable Fund continuing in Lincoln. From inception through 1994, Woods Charitable Fund grants totaled $68.8 million to benefit Lincoln and Chicago.

1994: WCF takes a leadership role in the creation of the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, to provide match funding through a private endowment to state government funds allocated for arts and humanities programming across Nebraska.

1996: Woods Charitable Fund joins the digital age, launching a website, accepting grant applications by email, and receiving “its first grantee report placed on the Internet.”

1998: Upon the death of WCF President Thomas C. Woods III, Thomas Potter becomes president and the first non-Woods family member to hold the position. This year, grant payments increased by more than 34% to more than $1.5 million, supporting 68 Lincoln and Nebraska organizations and including 13 new recipients. Grants included four totaling $150,000 in memory of Thomas C. Woods III. Woods Charitable Fund focuses on special interest areas that remain today: Human Services, Education, Civic and Community, and Arts and Culture, with an interest in serving New Americans.

1999: For the first time since its reorganization in 1994, Woods Charitable Fund pays out more than $1 million in annual grants to Nebraska nonprofits. Those include grants to the Lincoln Arts Council and the Human Services Federation (now known as Cause Collective) to support the capacity of arts and human services organizations using technology.
WHEREAS, Woods Charitable Fund (WCF) is a private independent foundation whose mission is to strengthen the community by improving opportunities and life outcomes for all people in Lincoln, Nebraska.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT WCF believes that diversity encompasses, but is not limited to age, gender, race, national origin (ethnicity), religious beliefs, disabilities, sexual orientation, economic circumstances and lifestyle.

WCF views diversity as a fundamental element of social justice and integral to its mission.

WCF's ability to achieve its goals can best be accomplished if the programs it offers and supports reflect a diversity of perspectives among the Fund's grantmaking, personnel and employment practices, and governance.

WCF believes that its Board should take every reasonable step to ensure that women and persons from minority ethnic groups are in the pool from which Board nominees are chosen.

WCF will work in cooperation with other organizations in the philanthropic community to support and encourage their efforts, and to bolster WCF's own efforts, to encourage and support greater diversity and inclusiveness in philanthropy.

WCF seeks to collaborate and conduct business with individuals and organizations who have made a commitment to diversity, as reflected in the composition of their Boards, staffs and programs they implement.

FOR THESE REASONS, the Board has voted to adopt the aforementioned Board resolution to guide the Fund as it seeks to encourage and support greater diversity in all aspects of its operations.

BE IT RESOLVED.

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Donna W. Woods, Board Chair

On the ___29___day of ___January___, 2008
Lincoln Vital Signs

2012: WCF joins more than a dozen funders and supporters to create the Lincoln Vital Signs report, providing comprehensive data on a range of local economic, social and health measures.

2012: Woods Charitable Fund offices move from their longtime home in the Lincoln telephone building to Union Bank Place at 1248 O Street, Suite 1130.

2013: WCF provides its first grant to Outline, now known as OutNebraska, which provides programming, support and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community. Woods Charitable Fund first awarded grants in support of the gay and lesbian community in 1988 and 1989, to the UNL Gay-Lesbian Student Association, and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Cornhusker Inc.

2017: Woods Charitable Fund launches a new grant program, Breakthrough Initiative Grants, to support promising and groundbreaking programs, collaborations and/or organizational best practices. These multi-year grants have provided annual support of $100,000-$400,000 and been awarded to four programs to date, totaling more than $3.1 million. Two of the projects have received renewal funding to continue these important projects beyond their initial grants.

2018: Woods Charitable Fund has paid grants and loans totaling more than $100 million since the Fund’s inception in 1941.

2019: Woods Charitable Fund adds the title of Chair Emerita to its Board of Directors for retiring Board Chair Donna Woods.

2020: The COVID pandemic shuts down much of Lincoln, but its nonprofits step up to serve the community’s growing needs. WCF staff and board work and meet remotely for much of the year and create a new category of grant to meet the immediate needs stemming from COVID. WCF Directors unanimously agree to maintain a target payout amount in 2020 despite a significant drop in the Fund’s endowment to better help its grantees.

2019 board members (not pictured: Ed Wimes)
## 2021 Grant Payments

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**Subtotal** $100,000

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**Subtotal** $705,000
2021 Grant Payments | December 31, 2021

**Education**

- Dimensions Educational Research Foundation (aka Dimensions Education Programs) .......... 10,000
- Educare of Lincoln, Inc. ...................................... 25,000
- Lincoln Community Learning Centers (fiscal sponsor: Lincoln Community Foundation, Inc.) .......... 65,000
- Lincoln Literacy Council (dba Lincoln Literacy) (Breakthrough 3.0) ...... 165,000
- Lincoln Public Schools ........................................... 20,000
- National Audubon Society, Inc. (Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center) .... 20,000
- Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (aka Nebraska Children) .... 15,000

Subtotal ................................................................. $ 320,000

**Total Grants Paid** ................................................. $ 1,710,000

**Summary of 2021 Grants Paid by Special Interest Area**

- Human Services $705,000 41%
- Arts & Culture $100,000 6%
- Education $320,000 19%
- Civic & Community $585,000 34%

More information about each 2021 grant is available at [www.woodscharitable.org/recent-grants/](http://www.woodscharitable.org/recent-grants/).

**Breakthrough Initiative Grants**

Woods Charitable Fund launched its Breakthrough Initiative Grant program in 2016 to support promising and groundbreaking new programs, collaborations and/or organizational best practices at nonprofit organizations serving Lincoln. In 2021, the Family Violence Council received this grant for the Safe and Healthy Families Initiative, which partners with five nonprofit organizations and other collaborators to provide a coordinated response to child abuse cases in Lancaster County in which domestic violence also occurs. The grant is pledged for $900,000 over three years. More details on this grant program are available at [www.woodscharitable.org/breakthrough-grants/](http://www.woodscharitable.org/breakthrough-grants/).

**Breakthrough Initiative Grants:**

- $1,175,000 (37%) for *Collective Impact Lincoln* (2017), empowering resident-led change in six Lincoln neighborhoods
- $900,000 (28%) for the *Safe and Healthy Families Initiative* (2021)
- $600,000 (19%) for the *UPLIFT Project* (2018), providing legal services and education through Lincoln’s cultural centers
- $500,000 (16%) for *Bridgeway to a Better Life* (2020), expanding job-skills and training for careers with specific hiring needs
Youth services can seek Woods grant

Woods Charitable Fund is now accepting applications for its second C. Woods Jr. Memorial Grant. The grant, which could range between $10,000 and $30,000, honors the late C. Woods Jr., who served as president of the Fund for 12 years.

Last year's award of $34,000 went to the Lincoln YWCA and Planned Parenthood of Lincoln. The two agencies will continue to work with Woods Charitable Fund to develop programs for community youth.

For more information, contact Pam Baker, Woods Charitable Fund.

Arts, local leadership development among priorities for Woods

The Woods Family Forms Charity Trust Fund, established in 1958, has awarded $342,000 in grants to 15 groups.

Fifteen nonprofit organizations, including the Lincoln Community Playhouse, the Hispanic Community Center and the YWCA, will benefit from $342,000 in grants announced by the Woods Charitable Fund. The grants include funding for the following programs:

- $20,000 to assist with start-up and operating expenses for the Lincoln/Lancaster County Child Advocacy Center.
- $10,000 to Nebraska Public Televison, Inc. to support “Statewide Interactive,” a program that will provide news-on-demand.
- $7,500 to the Lincoln Community Foundation Center.
- $7,000 to the YWCA of Lincoln.
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Incorporation papers listed the organization’s purpose as clothing, feeding, educating and giving medical aid to needy persons, aiding those stricken in a disaster, contributing to other charitable organizations and making contributions for public purposes.

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