

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.



(From left:) Angie Zmarzly, Program Associate; Joan Stolle, Operations & Information Manager; Tom Woods, President; Kathy Steinauer Smith, Program Associate

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

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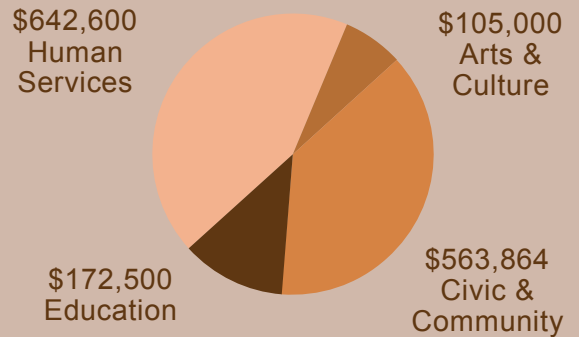
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2012 Grant-making At A Glance

Grants and loans paid to date in 2012: nearly \$1.5 Million



Grant cycles completed: 3 of 3

Average number of proposals reviewed per grant cycle: 19

Number of grants awarded: 65

Average size of award: \$22,876

Smallest grant awarded: \$1,000

Largest grant awarded: \$100,000

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. ♦

Ernie Castillo and Carl Eskridge Join WCF Board



The Fund's Board of Directors welcomed 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. ♦



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grant review as an independent contractor early in 2012. She received a bachelor's of journalism degree from UNL.

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. ♦

Check out our new website and follow us on Facebook!

Woods Charitable Fund's website, www.woodscharitable.org, got a new look with a redesign that launched in September. It features more information about our grantees, information for applicants, a look at our grant-making history and more.

Also, if you haven't done so already, please "like" us on Facebook to keep up on information from the Fund and our grantees. The Fund has nearly 250 people and organizations who "like" it on the social media site, which connects us with Lincoln's nonprofits, grant-makers, and other organizations. "Like" the Fund to help stay on top of its grant-making news, community happenings and much more.



WCF Receives Glass Pockets Designation

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.

Visit Glasspockets.org to view WCF's profile.



Organizations Awarded or Paid Grants in 2012

The Angels Theatre Company
Asian Community & Cultural Center
Boys and Girls Club
BryanLGH Foundation
CEDARS Youth Services
Center for Legal Immigration Assistance
Center for People in Need
CenterPointe
Child Advocacy Center
Child Guidance Center
Community Action of Nebraska
Community Development Resources
Community Justice Center
El Centro de las Americas
Family Violence Council
Flatwater Shakespeare Company
Food Bank of Lincoln
Girl Scouts – Spirit of Nebraska
Good Neighbor Community Center
Heartland Big Brothers-Big Sisters

Interfaith Housing Coalition
Legal Aid of Nebraska
Lincoln Community Foundation
Lincoln Community Learning Centers
Lincoln Community Playhouse
Lincoln Housing Charities
Lincoln/Lancaster Co. Human Services Fed.
Lincoln Literacy
Lincoln Medical Education Partnership
Lincoln Public Schools
Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska
Lux Center for the Arts
Malone Community Center
Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach
Meadowlark Music Festival
The Mediation Center
Mourning Hope
Nebraska Appleseed Center
NE Assoc. for the Education of Young Children
NE Assoc. of Behavioral Health Organization

Nebraska Brass
NE Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition
Nebraska Lawyers Foundation
Nebraskans for Civic Reform
NeighborWorks Lincoln
Northeast Family Resource Center
OpenSky Policy Institute
Planned Parenthood
Provider's Network
Released and Restored
St. Monica's Home
Teammates
United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County
UNL-Center on Children, Families and the Law
UNL-Dept. of Community and Regional Planning
UNL-School of Music
Voices for Children in Nebraska
VolunteerLinc
Willia Cather Foundation