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**TOM WOODS TO SERVE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD SECRETARY
OF WOODS CHARITABLE FUND**

Woods Charitable Fund, Inc., a private grant-making foundation, announces the special election of **Thomas (Tom) C. Woods, IV** as its new Executive Director and Board Secretary. Woods was elected during the Fund's March Board meeting to succeed **Pam Baker** who had served in both positions until her retirement on February 29th.

Woods has worked for the Fund since 1999 and formerly served as its Senior Program Officer. He received both a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Certificate of Non-Profit Management from the University of Pittsburg. Woods returned to Lincoln to work at the Fund after serving as Program Associate at the Community Foundation Serving Coastal South Carolina (Charleston). He is the great-great grandson of Frank and Nelle Woods, who established the philanthropic organization in 1941.

Woods Charitable Fund, Inc. 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. The Fund has set a target of awarding grants totaling \$1.5 million in 2012.