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**WOODS CHARITABLE FUND APPROVES \$477,000
IN GRANTS AT NOVEMBER MEETING**

Woods Charitable Fund's Board of Directors approved grants totaling more than \$475,000 to 18 tax-exempt organizations during its November grant cycle.

Of the \$477,000 in grants approved in this cycle, 29 percent will go to Civic & Community groups, 26 percent will go to Arts & Culture organizations, 24 percent to Human Services agencies, and 21 percent to Education programs.

Six organizations are receiving Woods Charitable Fund support for the first time in this grant cycle. The largest of these awards was to Educare of Lincoln, which will receive \$60,000 over two years to support two Family Engagement Specialist positions. Educare, which opened its Lincoln center in February, provides care and education for economically disadvantaged children from birth to age 5. The other organizations receiving WCF funding for the first time are Mark of Honor Youth Lodge, the Merrick Foundation, Outline Inc., Prairie Gold Homes Inc. and Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center.

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 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.

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Center for Legal Immigration Assistance (\$20,000) – For continuing staffing support to provide affordable legal services to immigrants and refugees in Nebraska

City of Lincoln (\$15,000) – Toward advanced investigation training for police officers and others in Lincoln working with child victims

Community CROPS (\$10,000) – In support of the Growing Farmers Training Program to help refugees, immigrants and low-income families grow and sell produce in small farm models

Educare of Lincoln (\$60,000) – Two-year support of Family Engagement Specialist positions to serve disadvantaged children from birth to 5 years of age

El Centro de las Americas (\$25,000) – Toward the general-operating budget of this cultural center serving Lincoln’s Hispanic/Latino families and the community

Lux Center for the Arts (\$15,000) – Second-year support of the Center’s Arts Education and Outreach program

Malone Community Center (\$19,000) – To support a tutoring coordinator for the center’s out-of-school programming

Mark of Honor Youth Lodge Inc. (\$20,000) – In support of this program’s new group home for boys that has recently relocated to a site at the Indian Center in Lincoln

Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach (\$40,000) – Continued support of a licensed clinical social worker position and support of the organization’s work with transitional housing and substance-abuse counseling

Merrick Foundation (\$5,000) – Toward the creation of a painting to represent Lancaster County in a collection honoring each of Nebraska’s counties for its sesquicentennial celebration in 2017

Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest Inc. (\$25,000) – In support of work to facilitate implementation of the state’s new anti-racial-profiling law

Nebraska Art Association (\$100,000) – In support of work to refurbish the Sheldon Museum of Art’s outdoor sculpture garden

Outline Inc. (\$8,000) – To support website development and hosting for this organization that fosters the well-being and advancement of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in Lincoln

Plains Humanities Alliance at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (\$5,000) – In support of the “Lost Writers of the Plains” project, to highlight writers who achieved some success but have since become “lost” to modern readers

Prairie Gold Homes Inc. (\$30,000) – Toward a new staff position for this organization that trains inmates in construction skills while building affordable, accessible homes

Provider’s Network Inc. (\$20,000) – Continued support of the organization’s Refugee Childcare Support program, which works with people starting home-based child-care businesses

Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center (\$20,000) – In support of the Prairie Immersion Program and the addition of a new summer program for Lincoln’s youth

Volunteer Partners (\$40,000) – Two-year general-operating support for this organization that promotes and supports volunteerism by connecting volunteers with nonprofit agencies in the city and state