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**WOODS CHARITABLE FUND APPROVES \$434,500 IN GRANTS
AT MARCH MEETING**

Woods Charitable Fund's Board of Directors approved grants totaling \$434,500 to 18 tax-exempt organizations during its March grant cycle.

The largest percentage of the granted funding – 44 percent – will support five Arts & Culture organizations serving Lincoln and greater Nebraska. Additionally, 39 percent of the grants will support Human Services groups, 9 percent will go to Education programs, 2 percent will benefit Civic & Community groups, and 6 percent will aid other types of organizations.

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 on Children, Families and the Law at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (\$20,000) – To support an updated website for the “Through the Eyes of the Child” project to incorporate changes to the state’s juvenile justice system

Fresh Start (\$20,000) – General operating support for this organization that serves homeless women

Hear Nebraska (\$30,000) – General operating support for this organization supporting live music in Lincoln, Omaha and across Nebraska

Heartland Big Brothers-Big Sisters (\$20,000) – In support of an intensive mentoring program focusing on 3rd-, 4th- and 5th-grade students at two Lincoln elementary schools

La Pointe Volunteer Fire Department (\$25,000) – A matching challenge grant to fund equipment and training for this department serving La Pointe, Wis.

League of Human Dignity (\$10,000) – To support the Extended Hours Service Transportation Program, which provides door-to-door transportation for people with disabilities in Lincoln

Lied Center for Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (\$61,500) – Three-year support of programming and facility revitalization efforts

Lincoln Arts Council (\$20,000) – To support staffing and training for this arts service agency

Lincoln Community Playhouse, Inc. (\$20,000) – General operating support especially for outreach and education

Lincoln Housing Charities (\$5,000) – In support of Expanding Horizons, a summer enrichment program offered to children in Lincoln’s Air Park neighborhood

Lincoln Literacy (\$35,000) – Toward second-year support of New Beginnings, a literacy program focused on native English speakers and offered at community partner sites

Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (\$20,000) – In support of Project Everlast, a program helping Lincoln invest resources strategically for teens about to age out of foster care

Nebraska Cultural Endowment (\$60,000) – Three-year support for its “All for the Match” capital campaign to match funds pledged from the State of Nebraska

Nebraska Foster and Adoptive Parent Association (\$3,000) – Support to launch a training class for foster parents interested in becoming guardians of children who are wards of the state

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland (\$25,000) – General operations support for educational and reproductive health-care services in Lincoln

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska (\$20,000) – Support of a position working with Native domestic violence victims in Lincoln

Released and Restored (\$30,000) – General operating support for this organization’s Job Readiness and Life Skills courses offered in state prisons and the Safe Haven program in Lincoln

Voices for Children in Nebraska (\$10,000) – In support of focus groups and meetings to discuss changes to Nebraska’s juvenile justice system