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WOODS CHARITABLE FUND ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBER, OFFICERS

Woods Charitable Fund, Inc., a private grant-making foundation, announces the election of officers and a new member to its Board of Directors. **Ed Wimes** was elected to the Board during the Fund's November board meeting.

Wimes is owner of E&S Consulting, which provides leadership coaching, human resources management, diversity/inclusion strategies and more to public and private firms and institutions. Before retiring in 2015 to start his consulting business, Wimes served as Special Assistant to the President of the University of Nebraska and for 14 years as the University's Assistant Vice President/Director of Human Resources. A lifelong resident of Lincoln and retired Army Officer, Wimes has donated his time to the community in numerous capacities including service on nonprofit boards for the Clyde Malone Community Center, the Community Health Endowment, the NAACP and CASA for Lancaster County. He has been a member of the Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Committee, the Mayor's Community Cabinet, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Breakfast Committee and helped co-found Project ALL through Leadership Lincoln, which works to train new leaders and increase diversity in community decision-making. Wimes has been recognized as the Bud Cuca Servant Leader of the Year, with the Leola Bullock Community Service Award and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award.

"Ed's professional experience, his personal commitment to serving Lincoln and his proven record as a champion of diversity will be invaluable contributions to Woods as it strives to make the best grant-making decisions," said Tom Woods, president of Woods Charitable Fund. Wimes fills the vacated seat of Orville Jones III, who served on the Woods board from 2011-2016 and was Board Vice Chair from 2015-16.

Woods Charitable Fund also elected officers at its November meeting. Those elected were **Donna W. Woods**, Chair; **Carl Eskridge**, Vice Chair; **Hank Woods**, Treasurer; **Michael J. Tavlin**, Assistant Treasurer; and **Tom Woods**, President and Board Secretary. **Nelle Woods Jamison**, **Ernie Castillo** and **Candice Howell** are continuing members of the Board.

Woods Charitable Fund makes grants twice a year to tax-exempt organizations seeking funding for Lincoln-focused programs in the areas of Human Services, Civic & Community, Education and Arts & Culture, and in 2017 will award funding through a new Breakthrough Initiative Grant program. For more information on funding guidelines, call (402) 436-5971, visit the Fund's website at www.woodscharitable.org or write to Kathy Steinauer Smith, Tom Woods or Angie Zmarzly at 1248 O St. Suite 1130, Lincoln, NE 68508, or at info@woodscharitable.org