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**THE PASSING OF LUCIA WOODS LINDLEY**

Woods Charitable Fund, Inc.'s board members, officers and staff regret to announce the passing of Lucia Woods Lindley, who passed away on December 14 at her home in New York City at age 83.

Lucia Woods Lindley was a board member of Woods Charitable Fund from 1980-1993 and served as board chair from 1990-1993. In 1993, she was instrumental in the restructuring of Woods Charitable Fund into two private foundations by dividing WCF's endowment and creating Woods Fund of Chicago. Ms. Lindley became Woods Fund of Chicago's board chair in 1994.

She was the granddaughter of Frank H. Woods Sr., who in 1941 established Woods Charitable Fund in Lincoln, Nebraska, with his wife, Nelle Cochrane Woods, and their three sons. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank H. Woods Jr. and Louise Brewer Woods, and her brother, Brewer Woods. Her husband, Dan Lindley, died December 18. She is survived by her sisters, Lisa Woods and Amy Woods.



“I remember Lucia’s grace and elegance and her keen interest in literature and the arts,” said Pam Baker, former executive director of Woods Charitable Fund. “She was a proponent of social equity and created the Sophia Fund to support programs that would help level the playing field for women. And, by the way, Lucia was the first woman to chair the Fund’s Board of Directors.”

Her full obituary is available [here](#).

Lucia Woods Lindley was an important guiding force for Woods Charitable Fund and Woods Fund of Chicago, and for philanthropy as a whole throughout her life. May her memory be a blessing.