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**WOODS CHARITABLE FUND APPROVES \$505,000
IN GRANTS IN NOVEMBER**

Woods Charitable Fund's Board of Directors approved grants totaling more than \$500,000 to 18 tax-exempt organizations during its third and final grant cycle of the year. To date in 2012, WCF has paid nearly \$1.5 million in grants to Lincoln-area nonprofit organizations.

Of the \$505,000 in grants approved in this grant cycle, 48 percent will go toward Human Service organizations, 34 percent to Civic & Community, 9 percent to Education and 9 percent toward Arts & Culture.

The largest award recipient in November is NeighborWorks Lincoln, which bought a single-family home in the Malone neighborhood this fall to become the new headquarters for its work to revitalize Lincoln neighborhoods through the purchase and restoration of homes and education of prospective homebuyers. Woods Charitable Fund has awarded the organization \$100,000 for the purchase and renovation of the home at 2530 Q St.

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 P.O. Box 81309, Lincoln, NE 68501.

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The Angels Theatre Co. Inc. (\$20,000) – Second-year support of an executive director's salary for this performing arts group dedicated to offering thought-provoking theatrical productions

CenterPointe Inc. (\$15,000) – Toward the creation of a development associate position for this organization helping homeless and low-income people with mental-health and substance-use issues

Good Neighbor Community Center (\$40,000) – Two-year support of the MENA Hope Project to help Lincoln's immigrants and refugees from the Middle East and North Africa

Lincoln Community Foundation (\$10,000) – For second-year operational support of Give to Lincoln Day 2013, a one-day event raising funds for dozens of Lincoln nonprofit organizations

Lincoln Housing Charities (\$1,000) – For the purchase of a wireless transmission and receiver system for translating RentWise classes for prospective renters to non-English speakers

Lincoln/Lancaster County Child Guidance Center (\$20,000) – In support of a staff position for the center's Extended Day Treatment program, which provides mental health services five days a week to children ages 5-11

Lincoln/Lancaster County Human Services Federation (\$59,000) – Toward the study and reorganization of the Community Services Initiative, an effort to increase the collaboration and coordination of human-service agencies

Lincoln Literacy (\$45,000) – In support of New Beginnings, a new program to improve literacy and workplace readiness for native English speakers

Lincoln Medical Education Partnership (\$20,000) – In support of the organization's efforts to track results of and promote its Young Families Program, which provides counseling, family advocacy, education and other services to low-income and at-risk parents of all ages

Malone Community Center (\$20,000) – Second-year general operating support for this community education, advocacy and cultural center in Lincoln that honors African-American heritage

Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach (\$25,000) – Toward salary support of a licensed clinical social worker to promote a case-management approach with clients

Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest (\$40,000) – Third-year support of the agency's Healthcare Reform Policy Implementation project to ensure the interests of low-income families are represented in the state's policy debate on healthcare reform

Nebraska Brass Inc. (\$5,000) – In support of a concert series and related marketing and outreach events to mark the organization's 25th anniversary

Nebraska Lawyers Foundation (\$20,000) – In support of the Lancaster County Self-Help Desk and the Volunteer Lawyers Project, which helps low-income, self-represented county citizens prepare for court appearances

NeighborWorks Lincoln (\$100,000) – Toward its capital campaign for the purchase and restoration of a home in the Malone neighborhood to become the organization's new headquarters

Provider's Network Inc. (\$25,000) – Toward salary support of two part-time staff members to work with refugee and immigrant women in Lincoln operating childcare centers

Voices for Children of Nebraska (\$20,000) – In support of communications efforts for the advocacy organization and a summit to discuss juvenile justice reform

Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial & Educational Foundation (\$20,000) – Second-year support of a development director for this organization promoting the works of author Willa Cather