FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For further information
Contact: Pam Baker
402.436.5971

January 3, 2011

WOODS CHARITABLE FUND ELECTS OFFICERS AND A NEW BOARD MEMBER

Woods Charitable Fund, Inc., a private grant-making foundation, announces the election of officers and a new member to its Board of Directors. **Ernesto (Ernie) Castillo, Jr.** was elected to the Board during the Fund's November Board meeting.

As Community Development Program Specialist for the Department of Urban Development, Castillo administers and implements Community Development Block Grant-funded projects for the City of Lincoln, among other duties. Currently he also serves on Lincoln Community Foundation's Distribution Committee. In addition, Castillo has previously served on the Education Quest Foundation's Community Grants Review Committee, the board of Volunteer Partners and the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights.

Castillo holds a Master of Community and Regional Planning degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"Ernie's work perspective and volunteer experience will provide valuable insights to the Fund as we strive to make the best grant-making decisions," said **Donna W. Woods**, Chair of Woods Charitable Fund's Board.

Woods Charitable Fund also elected officers at its November meeting. Those elected were **Donna W. Woods**, Chair; **T.J. McDowell**, Vice Chair; **Hank Woods**, Treasurer; **Michael J. Tavlin**, Assistant Treasurer, **Lynn Roper**, Assistant Treasurer; and **Pam Baker**, Executive Director and Secretary. **Nelle Woods Jamison**, **Kathleen Rutledge** and **Orville Jones III** are continuing members of the Board.

Woods Charitable Fund, Inc. makes grants three times a year to tax-exempt organizations seeking funding for programs in the areas of Human Services, Civic & Community, Education, and Arts & Culture, as well as programs and initiatives designed to assist New Americans in Lincoln.