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**WOODS CHARITABLE FUND APPROVES \$277,000 IN GRANTS
AT JUNE MEETING**

Woods Charitable Fund's Board of Directors approved grants totaling \$277,000 to 11 tax-exempt organizations during its June grant cycle.

The largest percentage of the granted funding – 66 percent – will support six Human Services organizations serving Lincoln and Southeast Nebraska. Additionally, 24 percent of the granted funding supports Civic & Community organizations while 7 percent supports an Education program. About 3 percent will aid Arts & Culture projects.

Two of the human-service agencies receiving grants assist child-abuse victims. Lincoln Lancaster County Child Advocacy Center and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Psychology's Project SAFE received grants totaling \$95,000.

To date in 2015, Woods Charitable Fund's Board of Directors has awarded grants to 26 organizations totaling \$650,000.

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 Kathy Steinauer Smith, Tom Woods or Angie Zmarzly at 1248 O St. Suite 1130, Lincoln, NE 68508, or at info@woodscharitable.org.

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Boys and Girls Clubs of Lincoln Lancaster County (\$20,000) – For general-operating support as the organization renovates and expands its location at Park Middle School

Center for Legal Immigration Assistance (\$50,000) – To increase staffing at this organization that provides affordable legal services to immigrants and refugees in the Lincoln area

Karen Society of Nebraska, Inc. (\$8,500) – Two-year staffing support for this organization that supports refugees and immigrants from Burma

Lincoln Lancaster County Child Advocacy Center (\$30,000) – Two-year staffing support for a new Training and Prevention Director position for this agency that provides a safe, neutral location for conducting forensic interviews of victims of child abuse

Lincoln Lancaster County Child Guidance Center, Inc. (\$45,000) – For the addition of a full-time Therapist for this organization that provides child-centered, family-focused mental health services

The Mediation Center (\$15,000) – To boost this organization’s capacity to provide mediation between victims and juvenile offenders

Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (\$15,000) – Second-year support of Project Everlast, a program helping Lincoln invest resources strategically for teens about to age out of foster care

Nebraska Jazz Orchestra, Inc. (\$7,500) – In support of the Jazz Orchestra’s upcoming 40th anniversary season

Ruth Davidson Hahn and Company (\$1,000) – Start-up support for this organization’s Dance for Parkinson’s program, offering dance and movement classes to people with Parkinson’s disease and their families

Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center (\$20,000) – Continued support of the Center’s summer educational programming for Lincoln’s youth

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Psychology (\$65,000) – A three-year grant in support of Project SAFE, a clinical research and treatment program for sexually abused children and their families that works with the Lincoln Lancaster County Child Advocacy Center