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WOODS CHARITABLE FUND APPROVES MORE THAN \$450,000 IN GRANTS AT MAY MEETING

Woods Charitable Fund's Board of Directors approved grants in its traditional May grant cycle totaling \$451,000 to 13 tax-exempt organizations at its May meeting.

Four of those grants, totaling \$155,000, support projects specifically to benefit Lincoln's New Americans at a time of uncertainty in the immigrant and refugee community. Organizations receiving those grants were Good Neighbor Community Center, Inc.; Center for Legal Immigration Assistance; Girl Scouts – Spirit of Nebraska; and HUB Central Access Point for Young Adults. Woods Charitable Fund offers special consideration to programs and initiatives designed to support New Americans and develop community acceptance and appreciation for New Americans.

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 through its 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 or Tom Woods at 1248 O St. Suite 1130, Lincoln, NE 68508, or at info@woodscharitable.org.

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ACLU Nebraska Foundation, Inc. (\$15,000) – General-operating and staffing support for work focused on Nebraska's prison system and prisoners' and ex-felons' civil rights and liberties

The Bay (\$34,000) – In support of a Program Coordinator position for this organization offering positive activities, career skills, outreach, support systems and more for Lincoln youth

Center for Legal Immigration Assistance (\$35,000) – To support legal and administrative staffing at this organization that provides affordable legal services to immigrants and refugees in the Lincoln area

Common Cause Nebraska Education Fund (\$12,000) – For development of a "Know Your Rights" brochure and report on Nebraska's public meetings and open-records laws by this watchdog organization that works to keep government accountable to all citizens

Girl Scouts – Spirit of Nebraska (\$20,000) – For outreach programming specifically for Lincoln’s refugee girls offered at schools and community centers

Good Neighbor Community Center, Inc. (\$80,000) – Two-year support of the MENA Hope Project to help Lincoln’s immigrants and refugees from the Middle East and North Africa

HUB Central Access Point for Young Adults (\$20,000) – To expand the organization’s GED program for English Language Learner students and those with low math and reading skills

Lincoln Lancaster County Child Advocacy Center (\$55,000) – In support of planning to prepare for a capital campaign for this organization that provides a safe, neutral location for conducting forensic interviews of victims of child abuse

Lincoln and Lancaster County Child Guidance Center (\$85,000) – Two-year support to boost salaries, training and other incentives for clinical staff at this organization that provides child-centered, family-focused mental health services for low-income families

Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (\$15,000) – To benefit Opportunity Passport, which provides matched savings and financial literacy for Lincoln youth in the foster-care system

Released and Restored (\$30,000) – General-operating support for this organization’s life skills courses offered in state prisons and work-release programs

VolunteerLinc (\$20,000) – Continued general-operating support of this organization promoting and supporting voluntarism at Lincoln’s nonprofit agencies

Willard Community Center Corp. (\$30,000) – To help operating, staffing and relocation expenses for this community center as it undergoes remodeling of its building in West Lincoln