

L I N C O L N F O R E V E R



A GREAT CITY IS DEFINED BY A RELENTLESS DESIRE



AND ENERGY TO BECOME A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

OUR PURPOSE

The noble goal of the Lincoln Community Foundation can most easily be captured in the two simple words that grace the cover of this brochure: LINCOLN FOREVER. While stated in many ways since our founding in 1955, these words convey the fondness that those who have made gifts to and through the Foundation have always held for this community and its future success.

The mission of the Lincoln Community Foundation is to provide leadership and resources to help build a great city. Community foundations are well positioned to develop local solutions because they can engage the public, private and philanthropic sectors.

We serve as faithful stewards for many types of philanthropic gifts and help donors create a lasting legacy of giving. We serve as community leaders to identify needs and opportunities. We convene diverse voices from government, business, nonprofit organizations and citizens to craft responses and solutions. We encourage and support the many nonprofit organizations in our community that contribute so much to our quality of life.

There are many ways for you to work with us to enrich the lives of the residents of our great city. We enthusiastically invite you to learn more.





OUR HISTORY

A group of visionaries with a genuine love for Lincoln and dedication to its constant improvement founded the Lincoln Community Foundation in 1955. The first grant awarded in that year was \$539.70 to support a movie and slide projector for Pinewood Bowl.

With gifts of all sizes from thousands of donors over the years, the assets of Lincoln Community Foundation have grown exponentially. With its current strength of resources, the Foundation has made several community grants of

\$500,000 and more. These leadership grants have been used toward collaborative projects that will have a lasting benefit for our community such as Union Plaza, Centennial Mall and Educare of Lincoln.

Our headquarters building on Centennial Mall is dedicated to the pursuit of community philanthropy and was a gift from the Woods Charitable Fund in 1964. We invite you to visit our offices and also enjoy the Foundation Gardens, our beautiful urban park.

OUR GRANT PROCESS

The Lincoln Community Foundation awards grants from our discretionary resources through an open, competitive process that responds to the changing needs and opportunities in the community. We make these grants to organizations that contribute to the quality of life and welfare of the people of Lincoln and Lancaster County. Grant requests are accepted from 501(c)(3) organizations and others recognized by the IRS as qualified recipients of tax-deductible gifts.

Foundation grants support a wide variety of charitable interests including arts & culture, community improvement, education & youth, environment, animals and health & human services. The Foundation seeks to support organizations capable of making a significant impact in our city. Through our competitive grantmaking program, nonprofit organizations can apply for funding to help achieve specific community outcomes.





The foundation is a catalyzing force that seeks to create a better future for our community. Not only do we provide essential grantmaking for nonprofit organizations, we provide leadership by inclusively uniting people, institutions and resources in an effort to lead community change efforts. Through constant interaction with donors, civic leaders, funders and nonprofit organizations, we are well positioned to identify important local issues. We are an information resource for our donors and other funders.

Ours is an important role in convening stakeholders to address particular challenges and opportunities, such as issues facing our returning service members, or the sustainability of our Lincoln Community Learning

OUR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Centers. We host Community Connections, a series of conversations and presentations intended to inform our donors about issues or developments in Lincoln. We provide educational opportunities about charitable gift planning for professional legal, financial and tax advisors.

Lincoln Community Foundation hosts Give To Lincoln Day, a one-day online fundraising event which supports local nonprofit organizations. Through this event, we are able to harness the power of collective giving, raise awareness of the many agencies serving our community and encourage grassroots philanthropy. This event generates millions of dollars to help our local nonprofit organizations carry out their important work.

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It takes gifts of all sizes to make the Foundation's efforts a success. There are a number of ways to support our community through tax-deductible gifts: through current giving, through an end-of-life gift or a life-income arrangement like a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust. We accept gifts of cash, stock and many types of property. The Foundation will work with you and your financial advisor to explore your options and customize a plan that works best for you.

Community Funds

Donors may contribute to the [Lincoln Forever Fund](#), our broad unrestricted fund used for grants and leadership gifts to nonprofits in the community. Gifts to the Lincoln Forever Fund are a valuable resource for responding to future needs and opportunities. This fund is also the recipient of gifts made to our popular [Book of Memory](#) program.

The Foundation also maintains several funds designed to receive broad support from the general public, including our [Veterans Support Fund](#) and the [Lincoln Community Foundation Fund](#), an endowed operating fund that helps assure the sustainability of the Foundation for generations to come.

Donor Advised Funds

A donor advised fund, also known as a [Charitable Checkbook](#), is designed to simplify annual giving and recordkeeping, plan the timing of tax deductions and facilitate stock or property gifts intended to benefit multiple charities. An advised fund is an attractive alternative to a family or private foundation, and allows donors to remain active in recommending charitable grants from their funds. Online access allows donors to easily review their fund balances, giving history and recommend grants.

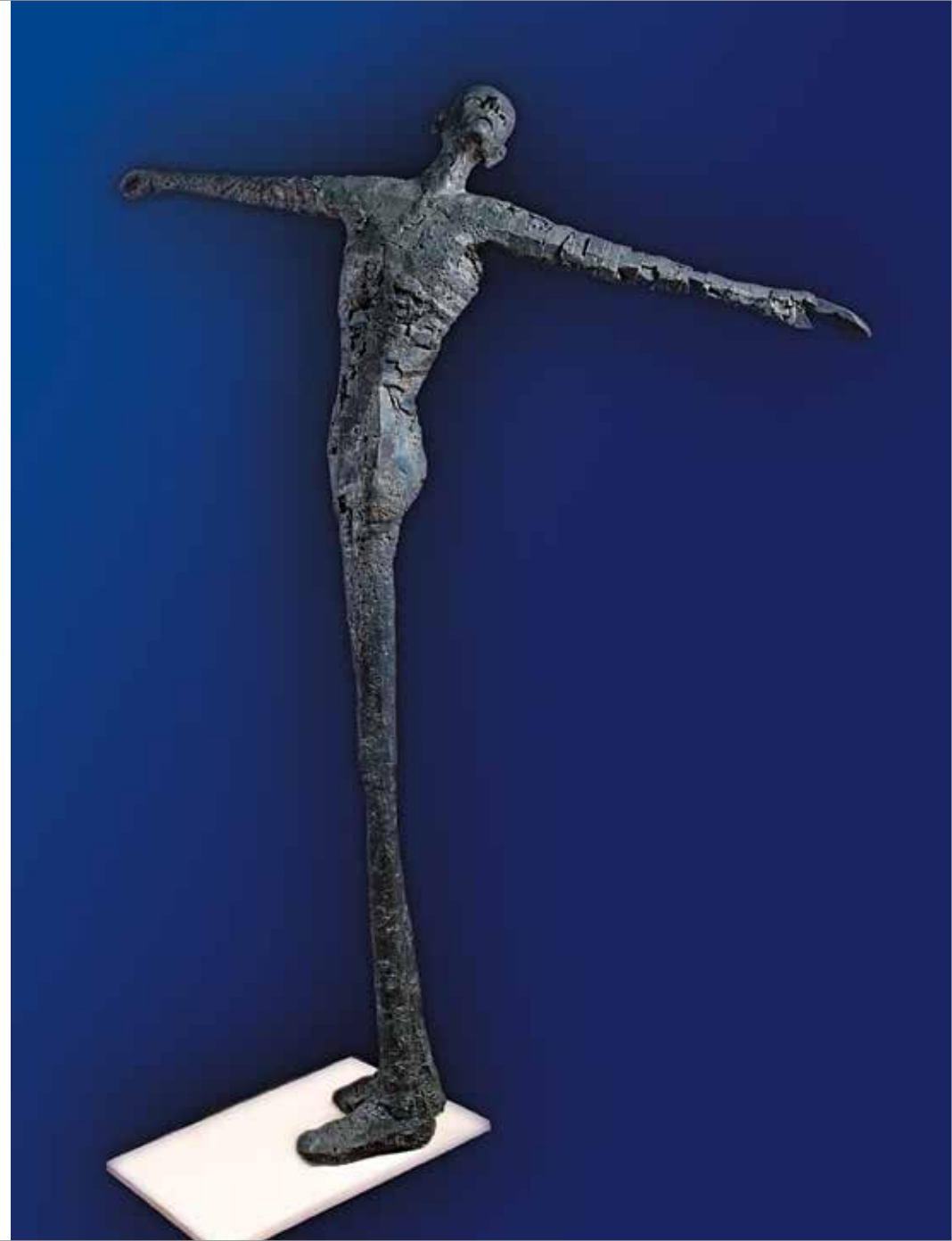
Donor Specified Endowments

You may create your own permanent endowment fund to carry on your legacy and provide a perpetual stream of grants in your name to the specific nonprofits or causes you most value. Endowed funds are professionally and prudently invested. An annual spendable amount will be distributed according to your wishes as established in a fund agreement between you and the Foundation.

Several types of named endowed funds are available:

- [Unrestricted funds](#) provide ongoing support to the Lincoln Forever Fund which is used to provide grants for current and future needs in our community.

- Field of Interest Funds are created to respond to a Donor's interest in supporting a specific area of the community. Grants will be made from these funds by the Foundation to support programs that align with the donor's intent. Field of Interest funds retain the flexibility to meet changing needs in the community throughout the years.
- Designated Funds are created to benefit one or more specific organizations, such as your house of worship or favorite nonprofit organizations.
- Scholarship Funds can be established with the eligibility criteria and purpose you specify.





OUR CORDIAL INVITATION

TO HELP BUILD A GREAT CITY; TO NURTURE, HARNESS, AND DIRECT THAT ENERGY IS THE ASPIRATION OF THE LINCOLN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

TO THOSE WHO CAN PROVIDE FINANCIAL RESOURCES NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS, THE FOUNDATION SEEKS TO BE A VALUABLE FACILITATOR.

TO THOSE WHO MANAGE THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SERVES THE CHARITABLE AND CIVIC NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE FOUNDATION WISHES TO BE A PARTNER.

TO THOSE WHO HAVE THE VISION AND ENERGY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE FUTURE, THE FOUNDATION WISHES TO BE A COLLABORATOR.

IT IS WITH THAT SINCERE BELIEF THAT WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AS WE REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE SIMPLY-STATED GOAL OF "LINCOLN FOREVER".

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