

Finding Purpose Through Philanthropy

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A GOLDEN GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY

Gene and Kristen Stohs
Celebrate 50 Years
Through Philanthropy



Lincoln Community
FOUNDATION

Greetings:

Spring is a time of growth and renewal. As the days get longer and the temperatures rise, our collective energy starts to shift, and we look forward to new adventures and opportunities. We are certainly feeling this rebirth at the Lincoln Community Foundation, as we recently unveiled our new strategic plan as well as an updated brand and messaging.

LCF's 2023-2025 strategic plan includes a new mission, vision, and a set of strategic priorities that will help us realize our purpose. Simply put, our mission is to inspire our community to give, act and lead. LCF's vision is that Lincoln is a community where everyone is thriving, working together, to build a better tomorrow.

Reenergizing our brand gives us the opportunity to convey the elements of our new mission and vision in a tagline containing three simple yet powerful words: **Together For Good.**

We are here as your philanthropic partner, forever. Thank you for supporting us in so many ways. Please know that amid our new vision and brand, we will stay true to the things that have enabled us to support and uplift our community since 1955.



With Gratitude,

Alec Gorynski



Scan QR Code to view LCF's 2023-2025 strategic plan.

Save the Date

LCF GARDEN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Series Begins Wednesday, May 17

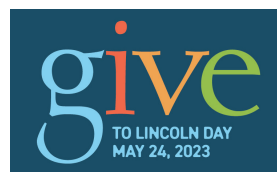


The annual LCF Garden Performance Series is back for another season! Join us downtown for live and local music **every Wednesday from May 17 through mid-September.** Produced by Arts Incorporated, the performances will

be held from 12:00-1:00 PM at the Lincoln Community Foundation Barbara Bartle Garden, 1415 N Street.

GIVE TO LINCOLN DAY

Wednesday, May 24



Lincoln's One Big Day of Giving is back for its 12th year! Choose from more than 450 participating nonprofits to support. If you have a donor advised fund at LCF, make your Give to Lincoln Day grant request at LCF.org through the

new donor portal before May 22 (please specify that it is for Give to Lincoln Day). Gifts may also be made online via credit card at [GiveToLincoln.com](https://www.givetolincoln.com) beginning **May 1.**





Will Scott chats with local nonprofit representatives at last year's Give to Lincoln Day check party.

Sponsor Spotlight: WRK Family Foundation

Will Scott on family philanthropy and Give to Lincoln Day

Thank you for taking the time to chat with us! Tell us a little bit about your family's philosophy behind giving back.

Growing up, my parents and grandparents emphasized the importance of community and philanthropy. We lived just west of Denver, CO but made trips east to visit family in Lincoln. On these trips to Nebraska, I recall my grandmother's consistent example, taking us along sometimes when she would volunteer. When my brother Robert and I decided to attend the University of Nebraska for college, we recall visiting my grandmother in downtown Lincoln. She would take us to the Lincoln Children's Museum in the lower level of the Miller & Paine Building and would reach into her wallet and hand over a little cash to support them. We grew up learning that it was important to always be thinking about contributing our time, resources, and imagination to make our community better.

WRK is the name of your business and family foundation. Can you share the background behind it?

WRK is the first initial of the names of my siblings and I – William, Robert, and Katherine (Kit). Kit was our older sister and a great role model and friend. She was super talented, just an awesome gal and a proud University

of Nebraska graduate. She worked in New York City; for Prudential, setting up insurance companies in Third World countries. When she was 28, she was traveling for work in Argentina when she tragically passed away from an asthma attack that led to respiratory arrest. The world stopped for us in that moment, also solidified that life is short and life is precious. We all have to make the most of the time while we are here. She definitely did that in her 28 years.

WRK Real Estate LLC is our family-owned real estate development and investment firm. Robert and I founded the Company in 2003 and we are celebrating 20 years in business this year. Our business philosophy closely mirrors the community focus engrained in us growing up – we can do well by doing good. We are a mission-driven company that tries to focus on private-public projects, and we try to find ways to make things better by being intentional and thoughtful. There's always the opportunity with every project to help someone or something. Whether it's attracting dynamic companies to Lincoln through development of Hudl's HQ, converting lower-level commercial space for entrepreneurial start-ups or renovating a historic building, each project is an opportunity to have a positive impact.

What was the impetus behind starting your family foundation, and what are some of the benefits you've seen from it?

The WRK Family Foundation provides us an opportunity to directly give back to organizations working to better our community and to honor our sister's legacy. Kit volunteered at a NYC penitentiary to assist pregnant inmates, she was in Junior League, and was always willing to help with community-oriented projects. Her passions were children, reading, and childhood development so that's been a key focus for us as well with the WRK Family Foundation.

Our goal with the WRK Foundation is to grow it and do more good. There are so many needs and opportunities in Lincoln. It's also been fun getting our kids involved where they are part of the process. The Woods Foundation was helpful in assisting us to create more structure for our grant processes. We feel so lucky to be a part of this awesome community, and we hope to leave it better than we found it.

WRK Family Foundation is a Match Fund Sponsor once again for Give to Lincoln Day. What excites you about being a part of Lincoln's One Big Day of Giving?

Give to Lincoln Day has gone beyond our wildest expectations! This day is something that really brings the community together. It's enlightening to hear about the different nonprofit organizations and the great things they are doing. I think that the fundamental value of generosity behind Give to Lincoln permeates through all of our city. A lot of other communities would love to have something like this – and I hope they do.

It's not how much you give; it's being intentional in your giving. It truly does empower everyone in our community to improve our neighborhoods and support all of our residents. What a powerful moment for everybody to rally around something positive. Give to Lincoln Day is a fantastic catalyst for deliberate change, making Lincoln an even better place to live.



Community Raises More than \$667,000 for Early Childcare

Big News for Lincoln's Youngest Residents

The Lincoln Community Foundation (LCF) announced that its recent annual giving campaign for Lincoln Littles raised \$667,400 in community support of early care and education. Launched in 2019 and inspired by the Prosper Lincoln community agenda, LCF has raised more than \$4 million in support of Lincoln Littles programs, operations, and initiatives – including tuition assistance for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers to attend quality early childhood education programs throughout the community.

“Once again, generous donors and organizations showed their support for our youngest residents,” said Alec Gorynski, LCF president/CEO. “With this community investment, Lincoln Littles can continue the important work of addressing the complexities surrounding early childhood and raising opportunities for every child to access quality care and education.”

Additionally, Lincoln Littles received a \$300,000 Workforce Development Grant from the Nebraska Department of Labor, bringing this year’s total funding to \$967,400. The grant program supports the recruitment and retention of teachers, including childcare and early childhood education providers.

Lincoln Littles will use this grant funding to offer tuition assistance for those with young children who want to pursue or continue a career in early childcare.

“Many of Lincoln’s children and families will breathe a sigh of relief in the next year,” said Anne Brandt, executive director of Lincoln Littles. “These funds will allow us to continue to fill a critical need: affordable, high-quality early care and education for working families.”

In addition to increasing affordable childcare options for families, Lincoln Littles has expanded its work to focus on solutions to additional challenges: increasing quality in early care and education, educating and engaging businesses and the larger community, supporting workforce development in the childcare sector and influencing policies to be responsive to the needs of young children and their families.

“This momentum would not be possible without our generous donors,” said Anne. “Our youngest residents’ futures depend on our efforts to design equitable opportunities for all children at the most critical time for brain development.”

Thank you, Lead Donors:

Acklie Charitable Foundation
 Robert & Barbara Bartle
 Bettenhausen Family Foundation
 Drs. Bob & Stacie Bleicher
 The Buffett Early Childhood Fund
 Rosalind K. Carr in memory of
 Professor James D. Carr
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 WRK Family Foundation

**To learn more about the work of
Lincoln Littles, visit LincolnLittles.org.**



President/CEO, Alec Gorynski, unveils LCF's new logo and tagline.

Together For Good

LCF Launches New Brand and Strategic Plan

Trustees of the Lincoln Community Foundation gathered at ARKS Champions Club on March 29th for two notable announcements from the organization.

President/CEO, Alec Gorynski, and Board Chair, Dr. Marilyn Moore, unveiled LCF's 2023-2025 strategic plan. With the adoption of a new mission and vision, LCF has committed to a unified purpose and responsibility to this community.

A set of specific strategic priorities have been identified that detail the innovative and substantial actions LCF will take to deepen its role as a trusted community leader and philanthropic partner – facilitating positive change for the common good.

“Our updated mission is a simple and clear statement of our purpose,” said Alec. “Giving, acting and leading for the benefit of this community are the things we’ve been doing well, and we plan to deepen our commitment to this work into the future.”

The strategic plan is the result of a six-month process that included extensive stakeholder engagement, research, and facilitated sessions with the strategic planning committee, all of which helped shape LCF's vision.

Additionally, LCF has been working with its marketing agency, KidGlov, to ensure the organization's visual identity and messaging reflects its heightened mission and vision. LCF's new tagline, Together For Good, is a simple expression emphasizing partnerships, collaboration, positivity, and generosity.

New updated graphic elements represent LCF as knowledgeable, nurturing, established, forward leading, and innovative.

“Inspired by the Lincoln Community Foundation Barbara Bartle Garden right outside of our building, the new logo represents us both as organic and growing

and as the gold standard of our type of work, reflecting the best of our community,” remarked Alec. “Our tagline supports LCF's new mission and vision. We create good together, and we create good forever.”

Mission:

Inspiring our community to give, act, and lead.

Vision:

Lincoln is a community where everyone is thriving, working together, to build a better tomorrow.

To view LCF's full strategic plan, visit [LCF.org/about](https://www.lcf.org/about) or scan the QR code on page two. Stay up to date on LCF news and stories by following us on social media at [Facebook.com/LincolnCommunityFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/LincolnCommunityFoundation).



A Golden Gift for Our Community

Couple Celebrates a Milestone Anniversary Through Philanthropy

Originally from Grand Island, Gene came to Lincoln to study chemistry at University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). While at UNL, he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and starting pitcher and outfielder for the Husker baseball team for all four years.

He and Kristen met at a fraternity-sorority social, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Gene went on to receive his medical degree at University of Nebraska Medical Center, and he completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas. When the opportunity arose to join a practice with Dr.'s Russell Gorthey and Palmer Johnson in Lincoln, Gene and Kristen were eager to put down roots.

"We both agreed that Lincoln would be an ideal community for us," said Gene.

For Gene and Kristen, nonprofit board service was a catalyst for their philanthropy. Kristen is an active community volunteer, particularly within the senior community. In 2022, Kristen received the Keystone Award, reflecting her years of service with the Seniors Foundation, including a stint as president in 2007-2008. She also served as board president of the Friends of Lied from 2004 – 2005.

"The people in the nonprofit sector are so wonderful," she said. "With board service, you find out how much our nonprofits give back to the city."

Gene was Chief of Staff at Bryan Health from 2006-2007 and served on the Bryan Medical Center Board from 2004-2018.

"I met many business leaders during those years that expanded my outlook on the day to day lives of the people in Lincoln," Gene reflected. "You don't realize that even in a prosperous city like Lincoln, many are struggling."

Now retired, Gene and Kristen enjoy spending time with their grandchildren and giving back to the city where they have lived since 1979. They are drawn to Lincoln Community Foundation's Give to Lincoln Day every May.

July 7, 1973 - A special date for Gene and Kristen Stohs.

Gene was on a two-week break after wrapping up his first year of medical school. The two married in Kristen's hometown of Hastings. Gene joked about the timing of their nuptials.

"After one year of living by myself in medical school, I was ready for married life," he laughed.

Earlier this year the couple began to discuss how to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Rather than hosting a party or taking a grand vacation, they decided to honor those who were a part of that special day with a donation in each one's name to a nonprofit that is meaningful for them. From the wedding party to the guest book attendant, they started reaching out.

"We got in touch with everyone from our wedding," said Kristen. "Even the minister, who is now retired in Iowa. So, we've had fun with this endeavor."

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- Kristen Stohs

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“Every year we end up supporting more nonprofits because of Give to Lincoln Day,” said Kristen. “Looking through the list is wonderful, as it broadens our giving to nonprofits that are new to us.”

Gene and Kristen have opted to distribute a portion of their Individual Retirement Account (IRA) for this year’s giving day, using what is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). The federal government requires you to withdraw and pay taxes on a portion of your IRA fund balance when you reach a certain age. However, by using a QCD, those funds may be distributed directly to charitable organizations without paying taxes on the amount transferred.

“We have participated every year and with LCF offering the option of supporting nonprofits through a QCD – it’s an easy route to go,” said Gene.

With their anniversary quickly approaching, the Stohses can enjoy their golden gift to the community, knowing that their contributions go further through the Give to Lincoln Day matching funds.

“We look forward to Give to Lincoln Day because it just makes us feel good,” said Kristen.

“With more than 450 nonprofits participating, just think about what that says,” Gene reflected. “There’s so much need but also so much opportunity to do good together.”

Participate in Give to Lincoln Day via IRA QCDs

When you reach a certain age, the federal government requires you to withdraw or distribute a portion of your IRA investment and consequently pay taxes on the amount withdrawn. By using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to support a qualified charity, those funds are transferred directly to that charitable organization, tax-free.

This year’s Give to Lincoln Day is Wednesday, May 24. Join Lincoln’s one big day of giving by using Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from your IRA to support your favorite registered nonprofits.

It is as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Contact your IRA administrator about your annual distributions. Decide your total donation for Give to Lincoln Day this year.
2. Request your IRA administration distribute an IRA QCD directly to Lincoln Community Foundation, mailing the distribution to the Foundation at 215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68508. Please request your IRA administrator to include your name on the check.
3. Complete the LCF form for IRA QCDs gifts, listing the amount for each nonprofit you wish to support, and return it to the Lincoln Community Foundation. This form is available on the LCF website, or by contacting the Foundation.



For more information and other examples of ways you can use a Qualified Charitable Distribution to achieve your charitable goals, contact Diane Mendenhall at 402-474-2345 or dianem@lcf.org.



The founders of 100's of Women Who Care Lincoln in 2017. Photo courtesy of Lincoln Journal Star.

Giving Circle Makes a Big Difference for Local Nonprofits

100 women. \$100 checks. A big impact for the community.

That was the simple yet powerful idea behind 100's of Women Who Care Lincoln. Now in its eighth year, the giving circle has donated more than \$236,700 to local nonprofits. Recently some of the group's founders sat down to discuss its history and what has them excited for the future.

"When we started 100's of Women Who Care Lincoln, our goals were simple. We aimed to bring women together and give in a significant manner to local nonprofits," said founding member, AshLea Allbery. "Today, we are still giving, learning, and networking with some of the most generous and kind women in our community. For that, I am thankful for and proud of what we have accomplished together."

100's of Women Who Care Lincoln hosts quarterly networking events where members pitch support for local nonprofits. Those attending then vote for their favorite cause, and the selected organization receives 100% of the proceeds raised from the event.

The first event was held in October of 2015 with more than 200 women attending. The idea was conceived a few months before, after the 100's of Men Who Care group launched. AshLea and Brett Ebert were inspired to organize a similar group for women in Lincoln. They reached out to friends and acquaintances and gathered a diverse group together to brainstorm

about how to grow support for Lincoln's nonprofits.

Ellen Beans was another founding member.

"It was one of those fun things where you take a leap of faith, walk in the door and learn," she said. "I didn't know many women in the room that first evening, but it's become a very close-knit group in the past eight years."

Of course, those years included navigating the challenges of the pandemic. The group still met (socially distanced) and with the help of several generous sponsors, raised \$10,000 for the Lincoln Covid-19 Response Fund.

"It was an unprecedented time for nonprofits," said Ava Thomas. "The matching funds expanded our efforts to give back to the organizations that were on the frontlines of the pandemic. I think Lincoln is unique because giving back is part of the fabric of our community and you really saw that in 2020."

100's of Women secures a sponsor for each event that covers food and beverage and any costs associated with the venue. The group encourages all women interested in learning more about our nonprofit community to attend.

"One of the greatest joys of the group is learning about the work nonprofits

are doing in our community," said AshLea. "Each event offers the opportunity for attendees to hear from three nonprofits, learn about their mission, and ultimately their areas of need. Post-event, many women visit with the winning nonprofit to learn even more. Those visits provide tremendous exposure we may not otherwise have had."

Ashley Abramson is thrilled with what they've accomplished to date.

"There was one event where the donations matched the nonprofit's yearly budget," she said. "I think it's inspiring to see a strong group of women make such an impact."

The Lincoln Community Foundation accepts all contributions for 100's of Women Who Care Lincoln, which makes it so much easier for the selected nonprofit because they receive one check rather than hundreds.

"When we first started, we were handling checks from every attendee and it was very difficult to manage," said Ava. "Working with LCF has simplified this process for us, our participants and the nonprofits."

Looking forward to their 8th anniversary event on June 8th at Robbers Cave, the 100's of Women founders are re-energized for continued growth and connection.

"The last eight years have been a wonderful journey," said Ann Willet. "As we look ahead to the next eight, we hope to increase our support for the community. All are welcome! Women can grab their friends, coworkers or family members and join us."

"There's so much need in our community," reflected Ellen. "This is a great way to not only network with a wonderfully diverse group of women, but also to educate ourselves on those needs and ultimately make a big difference."

**To learn more, visit
100sofwomenlincoln.org**



Mission Investments – Expanding Opportunity

LCF Supports Creative Financing for Affordable Housing

Over the past few years, LCF has become a community leader in the creation and implementation of new tools that will ensure more affordable homes for local families. These efforts include raising funds for workforce housing development lending programs, piloting community land trusts, and awarding grants that subsidize the development of new housing units.

An exciting accomplishment for Lincoln's local housing work was the creation of a new nonprofit lending organization. Community Development Resources (CDR) provides loans and support to finance affordable housing development. In late 2022, CDR hired Executive Director Farshad Maltes, who brings more than 25 years of knowledge and experience in piecing together the financing needed to make additional affordable housing a reality.

CDR recently closed on its first affordable housing loan to finance a portion of a new affordable housing project on South Folsom. LCF joined with several local banks to invest with CDR and fund this loan. By channeling capital through CDR, these institutions were able to pool their money, reduce their risk, and multiply their results. CDR has a full pipeline of additional affordable housing loans for consideration, demonstrating its value in the local affordable housing scene.

LCF's participation in the affordable housing loan with CDR was accomplished through its Mission Investing program. Through mission investments, LCF looks for opportunities to invest a portion of its assets in local projects that provide a financial return in tandem with a social benefit.

Under the guidance of its Mission Investment Committee, LCF will continue to use its resources to support CDR's affordable housing lending activities. The committee is also exploring additional applications of mission investments, such as supporting local early childhood education centers. By deploying its assets through mission investments, LCF can continue to expand both opportunity and equity throughout our great community.

NOTES FROM NONPROFITS



Dear LCF,

Thank you for all you do for our community!

Specifically, I am grateful for Give to Lincoln Day and your support of the Lincoln Youth Symphony. Your help is greatly appreciated. We look forward to continuing this collaboration!

Sincerely,

Clark Potter

*Music Director/Conductor
Lincoln Youth Symphony*



Doubling Down

Couple Utilizes Their Donor Advised Fund to Give to Lincoln

Ryan and Erin Dobesh aren't ones to take a back seat when it comes to their community. Passionate professionals, the Dobesh's have intentionally sought out opportunities to get involved and give back despite their busy schedules.

"Both service and philanthropy are important to us," said Erin. "When we were looking to get more involved in Lincoln, we found there are so many different groups that you can join to make an impact."

"It's great for meeting people as well," agreed Ryan.

Erin moved to Lincoln in high school and has a deep appreciation for Lincoln's ability to feel like "a big, small town or a small, big town."

She earned her Master of Architecture

from the University of Nebraska Lincoln in 2009 and joined the Davis Design team in 2015, where she is Associate Principal and Senior Architect. An active member of Rotary Club #14, Erin has served on the board and will become president in 2024-2025.

Ryan is originally from Kearney and came to Lincoln for his undergraduate degree in journalism at UNL. This November, Ryan shook things up professionally and became an Operations Producer at ESPN. His work takes him on the road for several days at a time, but his home and his heart are always in Lincoln with Erin and their dog, Ty.

Both Erin and Ryan were introduced to LCF through its giving circle for young professionals, NextGen. During their

first year with NextGen, they learned about the benefits of opening a Donor Advised Fund (DAF), which is a popular tool that simplifies annual giving and recordkeeping. Ryan and Erin appreciated the ease of setting up and using their fund.

"The donor advised fund, overall, is a very simple process," said Erin. "It's quick and easy to set it up, and then it's just a matter of adding to it or using the online donor portal to make your grant recommendations."

Ryan also remarked on the estate planning advantages of opening a DAF.

"It's a big part of our will at this point," Ryan continued. "If something should happen, plans are in place, and we can change plans with LCF without having to amend our will."

With Give to Lincoln Day quickly approaching on May 24, the couple will be utilizing their DAF to support their favorite participating nonprofits. Fees are waived on gifts made through LCF donor advised funds during Give to Lincoln Day.

"Give to Lincoln Day is always fun and with a donor advised fund at LCF, it's a win-win," said Erin.

Ryan and Erin concluded that the only difficult part of the donor advised fund process was deciding whose name would be listed first on their fund agreement.

And how did that decision turn out?

"Erin is first, of course," Ryan said with a smile.



There's still time to open a donor advised fund before Give to Lincoln Day! Contact Chip DeBuse at 402-474-2345 or chipd@lcf.org to create your fund.

In Memoriam



LCF's Legacy Society recognizes forward-thinking donors who make a lasting commitment to the community by naming the Foundation as a beneficiary through a will, trust, or other future gift.

The following individuals created a legacy gift with LCF, and these gifts were realized in 2022. It is an honor to recognize and celebrate their generosity.

William R. "Bill" Cintani

Gary V. Finke

Gary Hill

Frank Hilsabeck

Lyle M. Jones

Paul & Marcella Konig

Alvin A. Lind

Larry L. Loomis

John & Gail Masonbrink

J. Gates & Daisy Minnick

M. Rosalind Morris

David Sundberg

Dohn J. Theobald

LCF Open Door Grants: Supporting Wellness in Our Community



WE'RE BRINGING WELLNESS BACK

As the data reflected in the most recent Lincoln Vital Signs demonstrates, the need for mental health services is on the rise in our community.

“With everything that’s going on in our world, especially the last few years, people are reporting an increase of experiencing mental health and substance use challenges, and feelings of overload and burnout,” said Kjerstin Egger, Wellness and Education director for the Wellbeing Initiative.

“We see how this crisis directly impacts our community, and it just so happens that we have services that can be a great support to people,” she said.

The Wellbeing Initiative, a nonprofit organization developed, driven, and run by peers, is empowering individuals living with mental health and substance use challenges to reach their fullest potential.

“It is a place that is truly dedicated to making this world, our community, a better place to be,” said Kjerstin. “Every person that works here is committed to their own personal wellness and recovery and is sharing the possibility of recovery with others. We believe recovery and a sense of wellbeing is possible for everyone.”

The newest expansion of the Wellbeing Initiative is the Wellness and Education Center, created in 2021. The Center enables folks to come together and learn, grow, move, and connect in an environment that is warm, welcoming, safe, and inclusive.

In support of this important work, LCF recently awarded the Wellbeing Initiative an Open Door grant for increased operational expenses resulting from its rapid expansion. The grant will enable

Wellbeing Initiative to continue to provide high-quality services through each of its low-barrier programs with adequate human resource management, continuous quality improvement, and programmatic oversight.

“Recovery looks different for everyone, and includes people who experience challenges with substance use, mental or physical health, or people who are supporters of anyone experiencing those challenges,” said Kjerstin.

The center is free to the community and seeks to support individuals who are looking to explore whole health education and provide a space for community engagement in the face of recent isolation.

“Our community is calling on us at an increased time of need,” said Kjerstin. “We recognize that people are multidimensional, and wellbeing is multidimensional. We seek to offer space, education, and a community that supports all dimensions of a person’s wellness.”

Join Lincoln’s One BIG Day of Giving!

Give to Lincoln Day is Wednesday, May 24.
Go to [GiveToLincoln.com](https://www.givetolincoln.com) between May 1 and May 24 and give BIG to the nonprofits you love.

Every donation makes a bigger impact on Give to Lincoln Day because nonprofits also get a proportional share of a \$500,000 match fund provided by Lincoln Community Foundation and generous sponsors.

