One way we intend to show the value of LCF is by proactively bringing community groups together to discuss new opportunities and create partnerships. In 2011 the Foundation convened community meetings around the Military Support Initiative. We facilitated community discussions regarding a Veteran’s job fair, Veteran’s court and had an invitation to present our work to the spouses of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon in April. The Foundation also convened meetings with regard to Community Learning Center sustainability and the Lincoln Partners for Public Art Development on behalf of the Mayor.

The Foundation was excited to work with Alice Dittman and help her establish a fund that took a new direction in charitable giving. Alice’s Integrity Loan Fund provides a micro-lending program that enables underserved entrepreneurs to have access to low interest loans to grow their business in Lincoln.

We started our donor re-engagement in 2010 with a celebration of our 55th anniversary. We invited as our special guests the families of our original founders. The 400 guests were very inspired by the message from our only living 95 year-old Founder and by the vision created when he was joined by all of the family members...all the way down to newborn babies. It was truly a picture of Lincoln Forever, the vision we have tried to communicate these past two years.

We were honored to launch our inaugural Board of Trustees. Our trustees are previous members of our Board of Directors. They will serve as our ambassadors to continue to help us carry our story to the community.

We hosted our first Community Connection in 2011, an event we hope to implement 2 or 3 times a year for our family of donors. We will plan these meetings to keep our donors informed about current community topics, projects and opportunities.
The Foundation is working to cultivate new, younger donors. We want Lincoln to understand that we need gifts of all sizes to improve our community. We want to change the perception that LCF is only for the wealthy. Many policy changes were made to become user-friendly. Minimums were lowered to open funds. Payroll deductions and electronic transfers are encouraged. In 2011 we opened 30 new donor advised “Charitable Checkbook” funds.

We feel confident that our objectives are being met. Our family of funders, prospective donors, advisors and non-profits has been extremely supportive. This has generated enthusiasm and more word of mouth in the community about something exciting happening at the Lincoln Community Foundation.

It’s our honor to serve the community. We invite you to join us in our work in 2012 and our commitment to Lincoln Forever.

PURPOSE

The Lincoln Community Foundation was established in 1955 to help donors serve and improve the community through philanthropic gifts to nonprofit organizations. We are a connecting point for people who are interested in moving Lincoln forward. We are a facilitator, a partner and a collaborator. We have a relentless desire and energy to make Lincoln a better place. Our name says it the best. We are Lincoln’s community foundation.
2011 Financial Report

Assets
Investments 53,383,991
Cash 2,164,389
Property and equipment 4,212,413
Receivables from estates and other 2,946,020
Future interests 731,133

Total Assets 63,437,946

Liabilities and Fund Balances
Annuities and trusts payable 809,186
Grant and other payables 1,008,705
Agency fund payable 22,681
Fund balances 61,597,374

Total Liabilities and Fund Balances 63,437,946

Revenues
Contributions 5,507,200
Changes to future interests 59,553
Investment income (1,177,428)

Total Revenues 4,389,325

Grants and Expenses
Grants and other program services 4,026,777
Supporting services 1,714,354

Total Grants and Expenses 5,741,131

Change in net assets (1,351,806)
Net assets beginning of year 62,949,180

Net Assets End of Year 61,597,374

For complete financial information, visit our website at www.lcf.org.
2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Total contributions in 2011: $5.5 million

Total amount granted in 2011: $4.0 million
- Competitive Grants: $1.1 million
- Donor Recommended Grants: $2.2 million
- Scholarships: $235,000
- Leadership Grant: $500,000

Number of organizations receiving grants: 323
- Competitive Grants: 61
- Donor Recommended Grants: 248
- Scholarships: 178 students
- Leadership Grant: 1

LINCOLN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS

Competitive and Leadership grants are made from the earnings of the Foundation’s Unrestricted and Field of Interest Endowment Funds. The Lincoln Community Foundation receives applications throughout the year and provides grants for arts and culture, children and youth, older adults, families, diversity, the environment and capital improvements in Lincoln and Lancaster County.

Donor Recommended funds make grants recommended by the donor to nonprofit organizations. Giving through Donor Recommended funds provides a simple, flexible and efficient way to manage charitable giving.
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