



Address through February 28, 2007
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Address starting March 1, 2007
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Cooper Foundation to Move

The Cooper Foundation is relocating to the Wells Fargo Center, Suite 870, effective Thursday, March 1, 2007. Its phone numbers and email address will remain unchanged.

Art Thompson, president, said: "This is the end of an era. The move to Wells Fargo will be only our fourth since Joseph H. Cooper created the Foundation in 1934. Our offices have been in the Cooper Plaza Building on the corner of 12th and P Streets since April of 1973 when we completed construction of the building. Lincoln's first four-plex, the Plaza 4 Theatre, was on the first floor, the Cooper Theatres and Foundation office on the third floor and offices on the fourth and fifth floors which we managed and leased. We also owned the parking lot to the east which is now home to Swanson Russell's expansion."

The offices of Cooper Theatres and the Cooper Foundation were always co-located and the major function, until the mid-1970's, was owning and managing theatres. In fact, the income from that business funded the grants originally and the proceeds from the sale of the business created the Foundation's endowment, which has grown to \$23.4 million at the end of 2006. The company's theatres were located in Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma until 1964 by which time Cooper Theatres had expanded into Minneapolis with its signature, round Cinerama Theatre.

The Cooper Theatres office was originally in the Lincoln Theatre, now the site of TierOne Bank on N Street between 12th and 13th Streets. The Lincoln Theatre was one of four theatres owned or managed by Cooper in Lincoln. The theatres were the Stuart, Nebraska (originally called the Orpheum) and the Capital. During the early years the board met at either Cornhusker Hotel or the University Club on the top of the Stuart Building (now University Towers). In 1943 Cooper Theatres moved to 325 Stuart Building where it had direct access to the balcony of the Stuart Theatre, which it managed.

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