

**Cooper Foundation
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COOPER FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER GRANTS

Voices of Hope, which supports victims of sexual assault and domestic abuse, is one recipient of the Cooper Foundation's recent grant awards. Voices of Hope provides 24-hour crisis services, including crisis counseling, safety planning, information and referrals. Art Thompson, president of the Cooper Foundation, said "Voices of Hope plays a central and critical role in our community's response to domestic violence and sexual assault through their emergency services and coordination with law enforcement, hospitals, and other nonprofit organizations."

The trustees of the Cooper Foundation approved ten grants totaling \$84,459 in the third quarter of 2009 to the following nonprofit organizations. The grantees are located in Lincoln, Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

Groundwater Foundation - \$8,200

General operating support. The Groundwater Foundation educates people to care for and about groundwater.

Indian Center - \$10,000

Toward the purchase of a replacement delivery truck for the Indian Center's Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

Lincoln Literacy Council - \$12,000

General operating support for its vital English language and literacy tutoring services.

Lincoln Medical Education Partnership - \$10,000

General operating support for the School Community Intervention Program (SCIP) which has addressed drug, alcohol and behavioral issues with middle and high school students since 1983

Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools - \$12,500

Third-year operating support for their major gift campaign, *Great Schools ... Forever!*

Nebraska Humanities Council - \$5,000

Toward its development of public discussions and simulcasting of the E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues lectures at six educational institutions throughout Nebraska.

United Way of Lincoln/Lancaster County - \$14,009

Support of the 2009 Campaign.

Voices of Hope - \$10,000

Support for emergency crisis assistance for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Foundation Center, New York, NY- \$2,750

Annual support in support of its mission of strengthening the nonprofit sector by advancing knowledge about U.S. philanthropy.

The Cooper Foundation was founded in 1934 and has granted nearly \$18 million to benefit the people of Nebraska. The Foundation makes quarterly grant awards supporting education, human services, the arts, the humanities, and the environment in Lincoln and Lancaster County. For more information about grant guidelines and application deadlines visit the Foundation's website, www.cooperfoundation.org.

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