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Siena/Francis House Homeless Shelter

The region's largest shelter serving individuals experiencing homelessness, providing food, shelter, clothing and hope for over 40 years.

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SIENA/FRANCIS HOUSE RECEIVES LINCOLN FINANCIAL FOUNDATION GRANT

Omaha, Neb., 07/12/2018 – Siena/Francis House has received a \$25,000 grant from the Lincoln Financial Foundation in support of the Emergency Shelter and Meals program.

Each and every day and evening, Siena/Francis House provides more nights of shelter and serves more meals to people experiencing homelessness than any other organization in the Omaha metropolitan area. The shelter has 262 emergency beds for homeless individuals. On average, 379 individuals received emergency shelter each night in 2017—145 percent of total capacity. In addition, through in-kind and monetary support, the program prepared and served 424,380 meals to hungry and homeless or near-homeless individuals in 2017.

Lincoln Financial Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Lincoln Financial Group, believes in empowering people to live greater lives, which advances culture and empowers greater positive change. Its grant is part of Lincoln Financial's annual \$10 million investment in its local communities' youth education, economic and workforce development, human well-being and arts programs.

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About Siena/Francis House

The Siena/Francis House is Nebraska's largest shelter serving individuals experiencing homelessness for over 40 years. The Siena/Francis House offers food, shelter, and clothing, as well as outreach and addiction recovery services to those who are in need. It is open to the community 365 days a year. In 2017, the Siena/Francis House served 3,768 unique individuals, providing a total of 182,724 overnight stays in our emergency shelter and transitional and permanent supportive housing programs. In addition, the Siena/Francis House provided a total of 424,380 meals to hungry and homeless and near-homeless individuals in 2017. These programs are also supported in part by a grant from the United Way of the Midlands.

The Siena/Francis House is located at 1702 Nicholas Street - Omaha, Nebraska - 68102. The Siena/Francis House's telephone number is 402-341-1821, and our fax number is 402-341-5270. Our website is www.sienafrancis.org.

About Lincoln Financial Foundation

The Lincoln Financial Foundation, established in 1962, is a nonprofit organization formed and supported by Lincoln Financial Group. Under the Foundation guidelines, grants are made in the areas of arts, education, human services and economic/workforce development.