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For Immediate Release:

Lincoln Literacy Wins a Grant from the Peter Kiewit Foundation

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Lincoln – The Peter Kiewit Foundation has awarded Lincoln Literacy a \$15,000 operating funds grant -- with a challenge. To receive the grant, Lincoln Literacy has to raise another \$105,724 by September 30th.

Lincoln Literacy's executive director, Clayton Naff, said, "We are thrilled, honored and energized by this grant. Just as important, we're confident that with the help of our supporters we can meet the challenge that comes with it."

To underscore that confidence, Naff said that Lincoln Literacy is already planning to offer a record number of free English language and literacy classes this fall. The roughly \$59,000 that Lincoln Literacy received on Give to Lincoln Day and other grants awarded since mid-April will count toward the goal, a foundation official said. Earlier this year, Lincoln Literacy was projecting a shortfall equal to the challenge target. With its success in Give to Lincoln Day, where it placed sixth among 327 competing nonprofits, and the Kiewit grant, along with others from United Way, the Cooper Foundation, and the RBC USA Foundation, Lincoln Literacy now projects finishing the year in the black.

The Omaha-based private foundation was created by a legacy from Peter Kiewit, best known for the construction company that also bears his name. The foundation is not related legally or administratively to the operating companies which still bear Mr. Kiewit's name. Since its creation in 1979, the Peter Kiewit Foundation has awarded over \$540 million in grants and over \$40 million in scholarships.

Lincoln Literacy is an award-winning nonprofit organization based in Lincoln, Nebraska. Established in 1972, it provides English language and literacy instruction to adults and families living in Lancaster County through dozens of free classes each week at locations around the city, as well as hundreds of one-to-one tutoring sessions. In 2014, its 327 volunteer tutors helped 1,150 people, ranging in age from 3 to 79, gain the gift of English language literacy.