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During NeighborWorks Week (June 4-12), NeighborWorks organizations across the country will mobilize tens of thousands of residents, business people and government officials in a week of neighborhood change and awareness. NeighborWorks Lincoln is hosting two events:

Wednesday, June 8 – Neighbor Powered Networks will debut at 9<sup>th</sup> & D, from 4 to 7 pm. A group of local resident leaders will host a ‘hands-on’ event focused on sustainability and community engagement. Community Crops will demonstrate how to start your own garden. City staff and environmental groups will provide recycling information. There will be food trucks, the Smoke House, music, and ‘make it-take it’ activities for youth. Neighbor connections will be an important part of this event, providing opportunities to try out a new website connecting residents. Participate in ‘Story Core’ where you can share a story about your neighborhood.

Thursday, June 9, Lincoln is invited to celebrate NeighborWorks Lincoln’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a House Warming from 5-7pm at 2530 Q Street. There will be food, music, face painting, games, and tours of the historic Reynolds house, which now serves as the office for NeighborWorks Lincoln. As a special tribute to serving Lincoln for 30 years, there will be 30 works of art focusing on “home matters.” Artwork on display will also be available for purchase.

“We made the decision to further invest in our home because NeighborWorks Lincoln invested in our neighborhood. That investment gave us hope for the future. We’re staying put.”

*Tim Rinne, Hawley resident*

NeighborWorks Lincoln is part of the national NeighborWorks network, an affiliation of more than 240 nonprofit organizations located in every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In 2015, the NeighborWorks network helped nearly 356,000 individuals and families with affordable housing and counseling. The NeighborWorks network was founded and is supported by NeighborWorks America, which creates opportunities for people to live in affordable homes, improve their lives and strengthen their communities.

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