

A look into our neighborhood

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8,222

of Residents

\$24,123

Per Capita Income

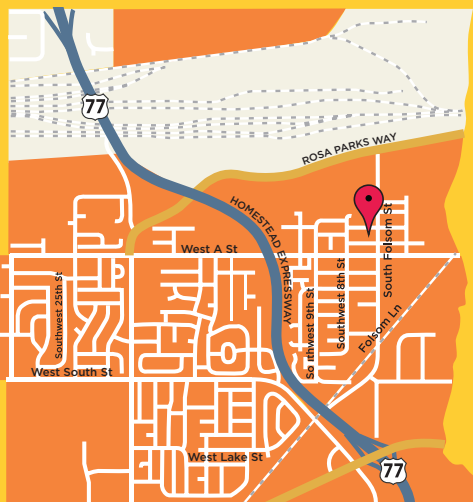
29.5

Median Age

23%

Population under 14

COMMUNITY WE SERVE



Willard Community Center is a vibrant hub of activities serving the West A Neighborhood of Lincoln, Nebraska. Originally built as a schoolhouse in 1918, Willard was converted to a community center in 1980. Today Willard has evolved into a valued neighborhood asset for everyone in our diverse, multigenerational community—a place where families, teens and seniors feel welcome, comfortable and encouraged to grow.



Serving the West A Neighborhood since 1980.

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Where neighbors become friends,
children achieve success
and our community is strengthened.

A YEAR WITH WCC

- 71,230 snacks served
- 8,222 people served
- 3,600 people utilizing building for activities
- 324 scout group meetings
- 206 health group activities
- 184 hobby group activities
- 96 bingo games
- 55 senior citizens served
- 44 youth summer care pool party excursions
- 44 youth summer care field trips
- 19 church group meetings

WHAT WE DO

Willard Community Center strives to nurture children and strengthen families. Our programs, supportive services and positive role models help residents grow, connect and contribute to the Willard community and community at large. Relationships formed at the Center can last a lifetime, helping to make the area a better place to live, raise a family and enjoy life's journey.

Preschool

The Center is dedicated to providing three- to five-year-olds with the opportunity to learn vital social skills, encourage intellectual growth and gain small and large motor skill development to prepare for kindergarten.

Before and After School Program

Willard provides staffing for the Community Learning Centers at Roper and Lakeview Schools. In addition to the assistance students receive at school, Willard also provides an on-site before and after school program and transports junior high students to and from Park Middle School. Our program offers a supervised environment where children can work on homework, receive extra help, build friendships and participate in a variety of activities.

Teen Program

Willard is the place for youth to gather year round. During the school year, our staff provides support and assists in improving their academic performance. Volunteer experiences introduce them to civic responsibility while building lasting friendships in the community.

Professional, Licensed Child Care

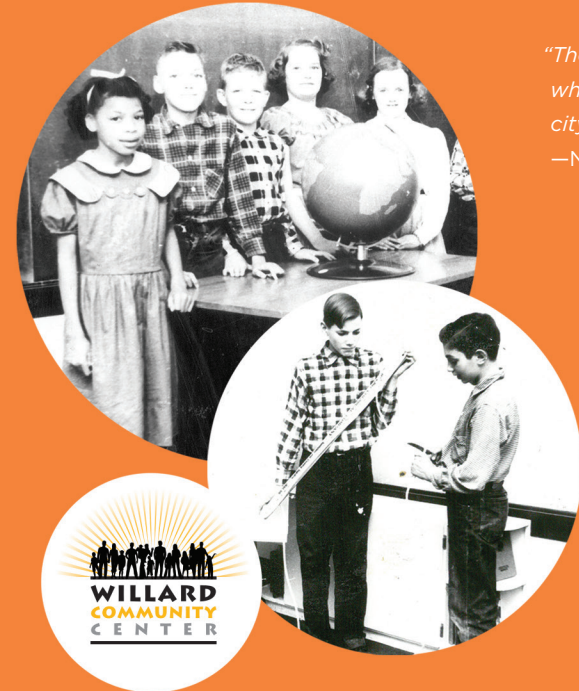
Willard provides much needed child care to working parents at a fraction of the typical cost.

Adult Programs

The Center is home to a wide variety of hobby groups, allowing people to share their passions and learn from each other. Programs promote social and physical activities for seniors that help them remain active and engaged throughout their lives. Area businesses hold meetings at the Center and support its many programs.

HISTORY

The West A community has a history dating back to 1887. The Willard Elementary School building was dedicated in 1918. In 1968, Lincoln Public Schools closed Willard Elementary School, and since that time the building has primarily been home to recreational and community use. Willard Community Center was established in 1980. The members of its board of directors and area businesses have given graciously and endlessly of their financial and volunteer support.



"The West A neighborhood and most definitely the Willard Community Center offered what my husband and I were looking for—the feeling of a small community within a larger city, and the advantage of quality and affordable preschool and after school programs."
—Nia Nielsen, Willard parent of a 4- and 6-year-old



"The staff is really friendly. They make sure we have a good and safe learning environment where you can get your homework done. It's a great place to make friends, have fun and experience new things. Go Willard!" —Niaya, age 12



WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP

GOAL **\$1.8 MILLION**

- Expanded child care.
- Better handicapped accessibility.
- Larger rooms for meeting space, family gatherings and youth activities.
- Additional program offerings and enhanced community services.

To ensure the safety of our children and maintain an environment conducive to learning and positive interaction to strengthen our community, we must make significant facility upgrades. Your help will allow Willard Community Center to renovate and expand so we can provide more opportunities and better services to our neighbors.

SECURITY

- Install doors and windows that are secure and handicap accessible.
- Relocate offices to the front entry area with a check-in point for all who enter.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- Replace lighting, windows and insulation.
- Repair tuckpointing on brick façade.
- Update mechanical and electrical systems to meet current standards.
- Install energy-efficient HVAC system that can be controlled in each room.

FIRE ALARM & SPRINKLER SYSTEM

- Install a fire suppression system in the whole building.

ASBESTOS REMOVAL

ROOF REPLACEMENT

ADDITIONAL PARKING

