# incourage news

## WE DID IT! TRIBUNE BUILDING RECEIVES 2014 ARTPLACE AMERICA GRANT!



We're excited to announce that Incourage Community Foundation's Tribune Building Project has been selected to receive a \$400,000 Creative Placemaking grant from ArtPlace America.

The Tribune Building is a unique historic property along the Wisconsin River in downtown Wisconsin Rapids — purchased by Incourage with the intent that residents would decide its future use and design. To date, over 500 community members have been involved in deciding the building's future.

This exciting ArtPlace America investment will help to realize the resident-led vision for the building's future — including enhancements to the rooftop, expanded exterior landscaping, and interior storytelling and signage.

ArtPlace received more than 1,200 letters of inquiry to incorporate the arts into projects that help shape communities' social, physical and economic futures. Only 55 projects were chosen to receive funding, and the Tribune Building was the only one in Wisconsin! To date, ArtPlace has invested \$56.8 million in 122 communities across the U.S.

To learn more, including the decisions made by residents at each meeting, go online to TribuneBuilding.org.



#### JOIN THE NEXT MEETING!

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend even if it's your very first meeting. Don't miss this chance to participate!

#### **Tuesdays** Jul 29 | Aug 26 | Sep 30

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Centralia Center** 220 Third Ave S | Wis Rapids Food provided TribuneBuilding.org



#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

The following Incourage events are open to the public. Everyone's invited and admission is free. Jul 29: Bruce the Bug Guy 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Helen's Zoo House, Wisconsin Rapids Zoo Aug 6: Community Picnic | food and entertainment 4:30 p.m. at Lake Wazeecha Red Sands Beach Aug 12: David Stokes 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Helen's Zoo House, Wisconsin Rapids Zoo **Details** incouragecf.org/ news-media/events



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We envision a community that works well for all people. Incourage is a leader in rural community development, serving the south Wood County area of Wisconsin.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

You may request a copy of **2013 Incourage Contributors, Memorials and Honorariums** by calling 715.423.3863.

### WHAT IF YOU WANTED TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER AROUND AN IDEA?

What if Incourage could help you do just that? We can! Incourage offers "What If" grants for resident-led projects that bring other people together to move a good idea into action. Here are just a few recent examples:

#### Community Fundraising Resource Center

People gathering to brainstorm ideas for cost-effective community fundraisers — resulting in the creation of a resource center to house items such as tents, roasters, a freezer, and more that groups may borrow rather than purchase

#### **Neighborhood Pride is City Wide**

Wisconsin Rapids Ward 1 residents coming together to assess deteriorating neighborhood areas in need of improvement; through discussions, site visits and planning, a renovated playground resulted – plus a celebration of hard work completed together

#### Ben Hanson Park Boat Landing Study

High school students holding conversations with boat landing users to capture data, knowledge and observations they will share to help inform future usage of the Wisconsin River To learn more, download the "What If" application form online, incouragecf.org or call 715.423.3863.

