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Spencer Family to Match Donations

The Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA) announced on February 23 that Raymond and Tina Spencer have pledged to match dollar-for-dollar every new gift and additional gift to the ICA up to \$50,000.



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This challenge will help build and boost programming during the 50th Anniversary year.

The Spencers and the Sandra True Family both created challenge grants of \$60,000 in 2011. The ICA is honored by the loyalty and support of their challenges.

Use the "Donation" link on this newsletter or go to www.ica-usa.org to donate online.

Mural at 4750 N. Sheridan to honor saint

A mural created for a former tenant will be getting moved from 4750 N. Sheridan, but for a very good reason. The subject of the mural has just been canonized as a saint.



Colleague Paul Noah painted the mural of Kateri

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Tekakwitha for the Anawim Center, the Native American outreach program of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Once housed at 4750 N. Sheridan, the Center has moved to the St. Benedict Church Campus and been renamed the Kateri Center of Chicago after Kateri Tekakwitha, one of the first Native Americans to convert to Christianity.

The Roman Catholic Church announced on Feb. 18 that Kateri has been canonized as a saint, one of the first Native Americans so honored, said Georgina Roy, director of the Kateri Center. The mural at 4750 N. Sheridan will be the image of the new saint in holy cards that will be distributed to churches across the country.

Arrangements are being made to move the mural with minimal damage to a new shrine for Kateri at St. Benedict. Georgina stated that the center is just waiting for confirmation of plans from the contractors who will be transporting the mural before setting a date for the move. She added that everyone will be welcome to visit the artwork in its new home.

77 Neighborhoods Project Roars Ahead



The colleges and universities with students and classes participating include DePaul University, Chicago State University, Roosevelt University, Northeastern Illinois

University, Loyola University Chicago, University of Illinois-Chicago and St. Xavier University.

Nina Winn, Resilient Communities program coordinator, said that the students are coming from a variety of disciplines including journalism, geography and sociology. She added that as of late February, there were an estimated 179 students who have been active in the research. ICA and university partners are also developing a social media tool to allow for communication between individuals and organizations. The project will culminate in a "Sharing Approaches That Work" (SATW) conference on September 15, 2012.

ToP Elects New Board Members at Meeting

Trainers of ICA's Technology of Participation (ToP)® met in Sacramento, CA for their annual conference. More than 90 people from across the country were in attendance with at least a third attending their first conference.

The network has 50 public Facilitation Methods sessions and 21 Strategic Planning courses scheduled for the remainder of 2012. There are 20 advanced courses scheduled for 2012.



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ToP has 120 licensed trainers with the addition of 12 apprentice trainers in 2011 and has two new colleagues coming on board in February.

Terry Bergdall, president and CEO of ICA, spoke to the gathered attendees telling them about ICA's activities of the past year. The conference was also one of the 50 Events for 50 Years in celebration of ICA's 50th anniversary. Those at the conference wrote their thoughts and hopes on cloth strips to be included in the art installation that will be created for the anniversary. The membership also elected a board for ToP. The new board members are Mary Flanagan as chair, Molly Shaw as clerk, Nancy Jackson as treasurer and at-large members Ann Epps, Heidi Wilson, Dennis Jennings and Suzanne Esber.

Archives Team Discovers Files and Photos

The Archives team has worked on files in the basement and "accessed" what is in half of the 177 file cabinets stored there. The team has confirmed the information in the files in those cabinets as holding talks and speeches. All of that information is now in the computerized Global Archives Category List and needs one more task to make it available online - scanning!



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The team is looking for a volunteer to join the fun for a week or two and finish this part of the project.

Some of the recently uncovered photos from the Archives have also been uploaded on to the [ICA's Facebook page](#). Take a look and tag anyone you may recognize. More photos will be added in the coming weeks, so keep checking back!