Interns at ICA work on the Accelerate 77 project in preparation for the Share Fair at Truman College.

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Accelerate 77 Share Fair To Be at Truman College

Truman College, one of the City Colleges of Chicago, will be the location of the Institute of Cultural Affairs' (ICA) "Sharing Approaches That Work" conference (Share Fair) on Saturday, September 15, 2012.

The Share Fair will be one of the primary events in the ICA's "Accelerating Green Initiatives in Chicago's 77 Community Areas" (Accelerate 77) project. The Accelerate 77 project is an effort to create a framework of communication and collaboration between environmental and sustainable development efforts in each of Chicago's 77 community areas. Both the ICA and Truman College are based in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood.

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Spencer Family Visits ICA

Tina and Raymond Spencer recently visited the ICA. They were given a tour of the ICA's remodeled kitchen and learned about current projects including Accelerate 77.

The Spencers have pledged to match dollar-for-dollar every new and increased gift to the ICA up to $50,000 in 2012. Karen Sims, ICA Resource Development Director, said that fundraising had reached 60% of the goal as of July 1.

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Call To Join Fall Archives Sojourn

The Global Archives Team is calling on colleagues to take part in a Global Archives Fall Sojourn from September 17 through October 19, 2012. Colleagues will be a part of a three-year plan to digitize the Town Meeting ’76 Collection and put it online.

The Town Meeting ’76 Collection has been a priority of the Archive Team and volunteers for some time. There is real value in this collection for those who want to access the largest local community change process ever undertaken in a concerted campaign. As this work is done, volunteers will learn how to take a focused area, scan relevant documents, and create links for accessing the information.

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