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This glimpse into the impact that our Allies had during their 2017-2018 program year matters for all of us, because they are working to make the city of Indianapolis a stronger and more inclusive place to live.
In December 2018, INRC received a grant through the Lilly Endowment Inc.’s Strengthening Indianapolis Through Arts and Cultural Innovation initiative. We are honored to have been one of 18 organizations that was awarded a grant through this competitive initiative.

The $553,561 grant award will support INRC’s work with 30 neighborhoods over the next 5 years. In partnership with the Harrison Center, INRC will work with neighbors and neighborhood associations to strengthen their capacity and help them plan and implement creative, neighbor-led placemaking projects.

The most powerful revitalization efforts emerge from community efforts that build on the gifts and assets of neighbors and collaborating partners. These projects will reflect each neighborhood’s priorities and create new community gathering spaces.

Lilly Endowment launched the initiative in January 2018, inviting Indiana-based charitable organizations to propose ideas that would use the arts to foster community building in Indianapolis.

“We were impressed not just by the number of proposals we received but also by the applicants’ collaborative spirit, imagination and energetic desire to make Indianapolis a more vibrant and engaging community,” said Rob Smith, the Endowment’s vice president for community development. “We believe that the projects, including INRC’s Neighborhood Creative Placemaking Project, will significantly enhance the quality of life for residents and create compelling new experiences for visitors.”

We are incredibly grateful to Lilly Endowment Inc. for their support through their Strengthening Indianapolis Through Arts and Cultural Innovation initiative and look forward to providing even more opportunities to strengthen and transform our Indianapolis neighborhoods.
A generous community provided over $1,341,817 to INRC in 2018.

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