

After 25 years, a pilgrimage of arts and learning has finally forged a home in an endangered historic church and the result is nothing short of miraculous. –Dan Everhart

The Immanuel Methodist Episcopal Church was built in 1907 for a large, active Boise congregation who worshipped together for decades. It served as a gathering place for people in the North End and across the City of Boise. It eventually fell into disrepair and became the site of illegal activity. Many neighbors still remember it as an unsafe nuisance property. It was listed as one of the “Top 10 Most Endangered and Threatened Historic Sites in the State of Idaho.” Today with the help of partner organizations and hundreds of community volunteers we celebrate the transformation of this historic landmark into a children’s art school that provides inspiration and art education for children and families in Idaho’s Treasure Valley and beyond.

2500+ individuals have pitched in financially – from Brownie Troops to Preschool and Elementary students and parents, to the North End Neighborhood Association and three of the largest foundations in the State – our whole community has come together to save the cathedral and secure it for the next hundred years. Neighbors have volunteered for landscape projects, painting, and more. Parents of young children often follow up with glowing reviews of TRICA’s impact on their children and are thrilled TRICA has repurposed the stone church as a home for the children’s arts & learning.

As a recipient of a 2022 Orchid Award for Contribution to Historic Preservation, TRICA is pleased to welcome Preservation Idaho for the 2023 46th Annual Orchids and Onions Awards.

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