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SUBJECT: BISON-TENNIAL ART PROJECT

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Jasper Community Arts (JCA), Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools (GJCS) and Vincennes University Jasper (VUJC) are excited to participate in the Indiana Bison-tenial Public Art Project. This legacy project will help celebrate Indiana's 200th birthday by decorating and displaying 5-foot tall fiberglass bison in each of Indiana's 92 counties. This officially endorsed legacy project aims to celebrate Indiana's rich and diverse history and unique features.

Indiana Team 2005, JCA, GJCS, and VUJC, members of the Partners in Education program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, are proud to sponsor an Indiana designed and created bison. Josh Dodd, Jasper High School art teacher, and a group of high school art students designed and painted the team's bison to be showcased on the German American Bank Strassenfest Parade float, Sunday, August 7, 2016. In celebration of local and rural history, special features are painted on the bison showcasing the Dubois County Court House in Jasper, Indiana, and the Jasper City Mill, situated on the South riverbank of the Patoka River.

Dubois County will boast two Indiana Bison-tenial bison in the legacy project wishing Indiana a happy birthday. Josh and his students also painted a bison sponsored by Redevelop Old Jasper Action Coalition (ROJAC) highlighting the rich German heritage throughout the county.

Both public art pieces will also be highlighted along Indiana's Bicentennial Torch Relay route, running from September 9 through October 15, 2016, culminating in Indiana's Bicentennial Statehood Day on December 11, 2016.

Indiana Association of United Ways (IaUW) coordinating the Bison-tenial Public Art Project. "We at Indiana Association of United Ways are excited for this new and unique way to engage with our communities across the state. We believe this project will be a chance for counties to display their county pride and individuality while simultaneously boosting awareness about Indiana United Ways and Funds' community efforts and initiatives," says Sarah Nahmias [NAH-me-iss], newly elected Board Chair of Indiana Association of United Ways.

Indiana Team 2005 joins IaUW in displaying our artistic pride for Dubois County and also hope to raise awareness of the partnership work and collaborative efforts to provide professional development opportunities in the arts for educators. The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Indiana 2005 team was selected because of their demonstrated commitment to the improvement of education in and through the arts.

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