



## McCORMICK TRIBUNE FOUNDATION FACT SHEET

### Mission

The McCormick Tribune Foundation advances the ideals of a free democratic society by investing in our children, communities and country.

### Organization Overview

The McCormick Tribune Foundation is one of the nation's largest charitable organizations originally established as a charitable trust in 1955 upon the death of Col. Robert R. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. Since 1955, the foundation has awarded more than \$1 billion to support our children, communities and country.

The McCormick Tribune Foundation team includes:

- Five grantmaking programs
- Cantigny Park & Golf
- Cantigny First Division Foundation
- Three world-class museums: Cantigny First Division Museum, the Robert R. McCormick Museum and the new McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum

The foundation is an independent nonprofit, separate from Tribune Co., with substantial holdings in Tribune Co.

### Grantmaking Programs

- **Journalism program** - helps cultivate a free, vigorous and diverse news media by investing in several priority areas, including news leadership, youth initiatives, free speech, journalism education and special projects
- **Communities program** - seeks to stimulate local philanthropy and improve community life through collaborative partnerships with strategically selected businesses and nonprofit organizations
- **Citizenship program** - develops an informed, actively engaged citizenry and creates opportunities for participation in our democratic society and oversees the McCormick Tribune Conference Series
- **Education program** - seeks to create a statewide system that provides access to quality early care and education for all children and to improve the quality of programs serving Chicago's youngest children in low-income communities by investing in public policy, public awareness, accreditation and professional development
- **Special initiatives program** - provides support for nonprofit organizations, primarily in Chicago, when exceptional one-time opportunities exist and focuses on education, cultural events, social service agencies, civic institutions and health institutions

### Cantigny Park & Golf

Cantigny is where memorable family experiences happen. Located in Wheaton, Ill., the 500-acre park offers vast formal gardens, picnic and camping grounds, a top-ranked public golf course and two museums: the Robert R. McCormick Museum and the Cantigny First Division Museum. Cantigny stimulates minds and connects people through extensive programs and services.

**Cantigny First Division Foundation**

The Cantigny First Division Foundation promotes public learning about America's military heritage and affairs, as well as honors and remembers the Big Red One - the famed 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. The foundation chronicles and preserves the Big Red One's illustrious and courageous contributions, as well as conducts public outreach through the Cantigny First Division Museum, Robert R. McCormick Research Center and the Cantigny Military History Series.

**McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum**

The McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum is the nation's first museum dedicated to freedom and the First Amendment. Opening its doors on April 11, 2006, the Freedom Museum inspires generations to understand, value and protect freedom. Through interactive exploration, visitors gain a greater understanding of the struggle for freedom in the United States and the role the First Amendment plays in society. The museum is located in the historic Tribune Tower on Chicago's famed Magnificent Mile.

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