

# encourage

1. to give courage to;  
to give confidence to;  
to inspire with courage;  
spirit, or strength of mind;  
to embolden, to animate;  
to incite.

2. to help; to give support to;  
to be favorable to; to foster.

*Syn.* – cheer, urge, impel, stimulate, instigate,  
comfort, promote, advance, forward.