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The Resurrection Project e-Newsletter



Dreams rise again  
with the resurrection of  
**Second Federal Credit Union**







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## From the desk of Raul...

Dear friends and supporters,

In the last few weeks, despite a government shutdown and shaky economy, The Resurrection Project team has been working hard on initiatives that empower our communities and give them access to resources. Recently, we helped relaunch Second Federal Credit Union in the Little Village neighborhood. For over 100 years this institution has had a proud legacy of serving immigrant communities and together we were able to rescue this bank and keep existing mortgage holders in their homes and continue to offer vital financial services to our communities. Home owner Jeidy Zavala was on the brink of losing the family home but Second Federal Credit Union referred her to Alicia Gutierrez, TRP's Home Preservation Manager, and she was able to get the resources she needed to prevent foreclosure.

We also had the honor of being a recipient of this year's Global Latino Fest organized by Milena Tous, President of Multi Latino Marketing Agency, and Pat Pulido Sanchez of Pulido Sanchez Communications. Thanks to their leadership and vision they are helping us continue to invest in our college-bound youth by creating the La Casa Scholarship Fund. It's imperative that we act today to equip Latino youth for the demands of the workforces they will enter tomorrow. La Casa was created to do just that by surrounding students with the resources and support they need to successfully complete a bachelor's degree.

Our immigration initiatives led by Mayra López and her team in our Community Engagement and Programs department is also on the move. They will hold a celebratory rally and workshop in Back of the Yards to provide information on how undocumented individuals can obtain a temporary drivers license. While we continue to strengthen our communities, we encourage you to spread the word about the resources available to them through the ongoing work we do.

As always, thank you for your continued investment in our work to create healthy communities.

Raul Raymundo  
CEO, The Resurrection Project

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## October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The Resurrection Project and its breast cancer support group, ELLAS, honors the courage of all women who are in the fight to beat breast cancer.

# How to reduce your risk of breast cancer

While every individual is different here are some lifestyle tips to keep in mind to reduce the risk of breast cancer:

- Women over 40 need to have regular mammograms.**
- Do self-breast exams regularly.**
- Increase consumption of fruits, vegetables and water.**
- Avoid or eliminate smoking.**
- Breast-feed infants for at least six-months.**
- Exercise and keep stress levels under control.**
- Latinas tend to have a higher risk for breast cancer and other chronic diseases if they are overweight.**

Join ELLAS for more information, resources, and support from other patients and survivors. Call Araceli at 312-880-1888 today.

For more tips, visit [www.mayoclinic.com](http://www.mayoclinic.com).



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DACA student Nayely Silva hands Governor Quinn balloons representing the dreams of other DACA students.

Attorney General Lisa Madigan addressing the audience after hearing from Zenaida Zarco (rear).

## Governor Quinn, Attorney General Madigan, and others help TRP celebrate the grand re-opening of Second Federal Credit Union

Story by Ulises Silva Photos by Harvey S. Tillis and Diana Pando

Almost a year after the failed Second Federal Loans and Savings was going to be auctioned off by the FDIC to potential predators and speculators, the partnership that rescued the bank held a community celebration alongside more than 100 residents on Saturday, September 21, 2013. Governor Pat Quinn, Illinois State Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Cook County Commissioner Jesus Garcia, Alderman Ricardo Muñoz, and representatives from Self-Help Federal Credit Union, the National Credit Union Administration, and Wintrust Financial joined The Resurrection Project (TRP) to announce the rebirth of Second Federal as a credit union.

“Today we’re celebrating the resurrection of an institution that has a proud legacy of serving immigrant communities for more than 100 years,” said Raul Raymundo, CEO of TRP and emcee for the event. “We rescued this bank together so that we can keep existing mortgage holders in their homes and so that it can continue to offer vital financial

services to our communities.”

Local media, including ABC-7, WGN-9, Extra Newspaper, and CAN-TV, were also on hand to celebrate and cover this unique victory for the community.

“We’re celebrating what can be achieved when we work together,” said Governor Quinn, who emphasized the ongoing importance of public and private partnerships working together to achieve new victories for the community.

When Second Federal Savings and Loan failed in 2012, the FDIC planned to auction the bank’s assets, including \$161 million in deposits and 1,100 mortgage notes with a face value of \$141 million. TRP and Self-Help Federal Credit Union, fearing that the auction of 1,100 mortgage notes would have exposed homeowners to increased foreclosure risks, forged a unique alliance to rescue the bank. The partnership worked with the FDIC to secure the \$141 million

in mortgage loans before working directly with Wintrust Financial, which had previously acquired the \$161 million in deposits. Wintrust supported the rescue of Second Federal by agreeing to sell the assets back to the TRP/Self-Help partnership.

“This was a resurrection, a rebirth, of an important financial institution for this community,” said Attorney General Madigan.

Second Federal, now operating as a community development credit union, has already begun offering new mortgage loans and new financial products tailored to the needs of its immigrant communities. This includes a \$465 loan to DREAM students to cover the costs of applying for the federal government’s Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. A DACA student, Nallely Silva, spoke at the event about the importance of such a loan.

“The DACA loan,” she said, “will help students who think they can’t apply

to this important program because they don’t have the application fee in hand. DACA is the first step toward other opportunities like financial aid for college. It’s the first step toward fulfilling the dreams of DREAM students.”

Second Federal is also working to preserve the dreams of people who already have mortgages. As part of the partnership, TRP staff is working with Second Federal mortgage holders who are struggling with their payments. One family, Zenaida and Sixto Zarco, ran into difficulties when Sixto fell ill and had to stop working. They fell behind on their payments and were risking foreclosure. But by working with TRP and Second Federal, they received the assistance they needed to get

back on track. They shared their story at the press event.

“Second Federal told me about The Resurrection Project,” Zenaida told the audience, “and how they had a program to help people who’d lost their job make their mortgage payments. The process was fast and, in three weeks, we got the help we needed to get up to date on our payments.”

At the conclusion of the press conference, the dignitaries and guests onstage released more than 100 balloons into the air to symbolize the rising of the community’s dreams. Mariachis struck up the music as the balloons made their ascent into the sky to the cheers and applause of all participants.

The celebration included children’s games and activities, live music and cultural performances, free giveaways, and free food and treats from local vendors. The vibrant atmosphere was a promising sign of things to come for the resurrected credit union and its continued focus on serving its communities. The Resurrection Project and Self-Help Federal Credit Union both look forward to continuing to work with Second Federal to financially strengthen Chicago’s Southwest Side and, together, create healthy communities.







# Celebrating La Casa At Global Latino Fest

Story by Diana Pando Photos by Ulises Silva and Diana Pando

On Friday, October 11th over 500 Chicago movers-and-shakers in business, nonprofit, and media came together for Global Latino Fest, a highly anticipated Hispanic Heritage Month event of the season.

In its 9th year the event was organized by Milena Tous, President of Multi Latino Marketing Agency, Inc. and Pat Pulido Sanchez of Pulido Sanchez Communications. Guests were treated to savory Latin inspired cuisine, mouth-watering drinks, and live entertainment featuring dances from Mexico, Brazil, and Peru. This year, the proceeds from the event benefited The Resurrection Project and will launch the La Casa Scholarship Fund.

The evening was kicked off by the event's masters of ceremonies, Daniella Guzman of NBC and

Edna Schmidt of Telemundo. After introducing the event's honorary committee, Guzman and Schmidt introduced Raul Raymundo, Executive Director of The Resurrection Project, who came onstage with two students from La Casa.

"La Casa is more than just a building: it's a response to the challenges that The Resurrection Project and communities in Chicago's Southwest Side recognized more than 10 years ago," explained Raymundo. "It's imperative that we act today to equip Latino youth for the demands of the workforces they will enter tomorrow. La Casa was created to do just that by surrounding students with the resources and support they need to successfully complete a bachelor's degree."

The two students, Sebastian Jimenez and Gonzalo Trejo of UIC, introduced themselves to the audience and thanked them for their support for La Casa.

"I love La Casa and its location," Jimenez told the audience, "because I was looking for a strong sense of community and I didn't want to lose that by living on campus. I want to see the everyday people because I don't always want to see college students. Living in the heart of Pilsen is letting me grow as a person and expand my knowledge."

Latino students also need access to resources in a nurturing environment that allows them to finish their education and succeed. Students are able to defray the cost of living on campus by living at La Casa and are



TRP CEO Raul Raymundo introduces two La Casa students, Gonzalo Trejo (right) and Sebastian Jimenez (left) to the audience during his remarks.

able to benefit from a centralized on-site Resource Center. Students can benefit from resources like student mentorship, internship opportunities, and leadership development.

"I personally love La Casa because there are a lot of students who have the same goal and dream as I do," said Trejo. "Living at La Casa and being close to the University Of Chicago (UIC) gives me the opportunity to get involved and do so many things I couldn't do if I was just living on campus or at home. The staff is also really helpful and if you need help and they will do whatever it takes to connect you with people that can shape your career and shape your life."

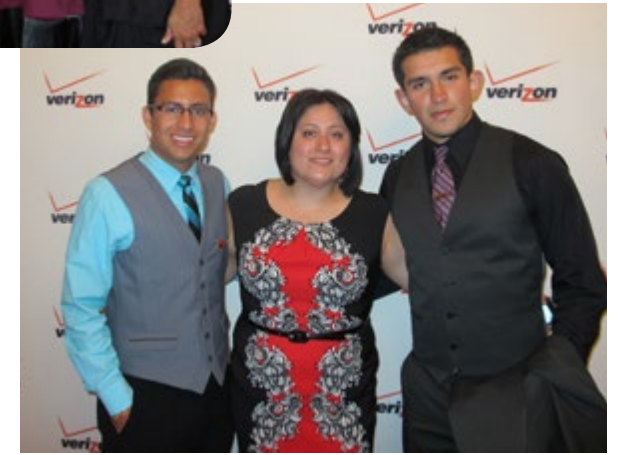
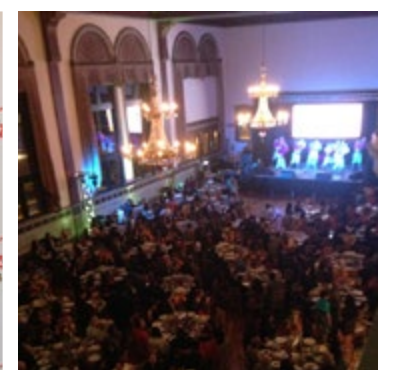
The event was capped off with a night of live entertainment and music, dancing, and a silent auction that raised additional funds for the La Casa Scholarship Fund.

Special thanks to Milena Tous and Pat Pulido Sanchez for their continued leadership in our community.

To see more photos from the event, visit our [Facebook page!](#)



Left-to-Right: Milena Tous, Raul Raymundo, Daniella Guzman, and Pat Pulido Sanchez



Left-to-Right: Sebastian Jimenez, Maria Bucio (Director of La Casa) and Gonzalo Trejo

Didn't get to go to the event? No worries. Make your donation today at [www.resurrectionproject.org!](http://www.resurrectionproject.org) By making a donation students have access to mentorship opportunities in an environment that values culture and dreams while cultivating the next generation of Latino leaders.





## TRP and Second Federal help Jeidy and her family keep their home

Story and photos by Diana Pando

Jeidy Zavala Aguilar and her family live on a quiet side-street that smells like bread off of Kedzie and Archer Avenue on the southwest side of the city. Between babysitting her nieces and picking up her children from school, Jeidy made time to chat with us about what she and her husband Armando did to keep her home from being foreclosed upon.

When I arrive to interview Jeidy she opens the door of her modest two-story home and motions me in with a warm smile. She leads me into her cozy kitchen to talk about how they got into the situation in the first place. She explains that her husband Armando is a roofer who works seasonal jobs and in the winter is out of work for three months. During this time, their mortgage rate increased and they found themselves struggling to pay a \$1,400 mortgage each month. At the time, they decided they were going to make paying the mortgage a priority even if it meant not paying other bills. As time went on, they found themselves not being able to pay neither the mortgage nor bills that had accumulated.

Suddenly, their family found themselves on the brink of foreclosure. After realizing that they might lose their home, Jeidy and her husband spent many sleepless nights trying to figure out what to do. If they lost their home they could rent an apartment but now with four children they were afraid that no one would rent to them or allow their children to run or play in the back yard. As Jeidy and her husband contemplated what to do, their older daughters started to pick up on their stress and even considered withdrawing from school to help the family pay the mortgage. Their children's patrimony that they had worked so hard for was now in jeopardy of being lost.

Jeidy and Armando decided they needed to do something. So they went to Second Federal Credit Union to see how they could keep their home. It was there that they were referred to Alicia Gutierrez, Home Preservation Manager, at The

Resurrection Project who presented them with a variety of options.

They soon learned through Alicia that they were eligible for the Illinois Hardest Hit Fund. The focus of this fund is to provide mortgage relief to homeowners that are either unemployed or underemployed and trying to find ways to increase their income to pay their mortgages. Though this program expired at the end of September, there are still other programs homeowners may be eligible to apply for to help them keep their homes.

"Alicia supported and guided us through the whole process reassuring us that all the paper work was in the review process and that she would help us find a solution," says Jeidy. "It took a month for our application to be reviewed and processed, but when we found out we were approved for the mortgage modification we were so happy."

Going through the foreclosure prevention process has been a learning experience for the Zavala Aguilar family. Everyday there are people like Jeidy and her family on the verge of losing their homes because they don't know that there are free home prevention resources available to them. "What I learned the most from this process," Jeidy says, "is that you have to keep fighting to keep your home and try to find resources and organizations that will help you. They are there but you have to ask around like we did at Second Federal Credit Union."

Today, the Zavala Aguilar family pays a mortgage of \$720.00 a month and is no longer behind on their mortgage. Jeidy and her family express their gratitude to those who helped them, including The Resurrection Project.

"It was a blessing to meet Alicia Gutierrez at The Resurrection Project because she is an angel who arrived to us during a very difficult moment when we were about to lose our home."



## La Casa Student Housing triples its occupancy in its second year

Story by Ulises Silva

In late August, La Casa Student Housing opened its doors for a new academic year and welcomed 62 new students—tripling last year's total occupancy. It's an exciting jump in enrollment that underscores the fact that more students are hearing about La Casa—and more of them are choosing it as a place to live, learn, and thrive together.

Like last year, this year's students arrive with one goal: to earn their bachelor's degrees. Whether it means completing a current four-year program or transferring from an existing two-year program into a bachelor's, La Casa's students came here knowing that they will get the support they need.

Most of that support will come from Maria Bucio, Director of La Casa who has worked tirelessly not just to spread word of La Casa to students and schools, but to make each and every student feel like part of the La Casa family.

"We're so excited about our new students," says Bucio. "They came here with a lot of energy and enthusiasm, and they're committed to earning their bachelor's degree. I'm looking forward to working with all of them and helping them realize their potential."

Among La Casa's new students are Montserrat Cazares and Ulises Bahena,

two UIC students who heard about La Casa from friends.

"I love living here, I love being in Pilsen, I love being so close to school," says Montserrat Cazares, who is majoring in Psychology and minoring in Spanish and Italian at UIC. "It's definitely getting me more involved in school."

For Bahena, La Casa was a chance to finally have a quiet place to study while getting the academic support he needed.

"La Casa is closer to campus," he says, "and people help you out a lot here. You don't have to be alone. At home I wouldn't really have the quiet and peace to be able to succeed."

As students are seeing, La Casa isn't just about studying. It's about building friendships and experiencing the kind of student camaraderie that they'd find on-campus. Movie nights and late-night study groups are already part of life at La Casa, but on Saturday, September 28, a large group of La Casa students went to see the Chicago White Sox in action at U.S. Cellular Field.

"That's what I want our students to know," says Bucio. "That college life is about getting the support you need to succeed, but also the companionship of friends and colleagues so that you have fun while earning your degree."

As word of La Casa continues to spread, more students are hearing about its benefits as a student housing option that combines the benefits and community of on-campus living with the affordability of off-campus housing. Some of these students, in fact, come from as far away as the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM); more than 50 UNAM students made La Casa their casa during the summer as part of an international exchange between UNAM and UNAM's Chicago campus.

"La Casa is fast becoming what we dreamed it would become," says Bucio. "A place that students from all across the city and even the world want to come to and share in the experience of living, learning, and thriving together under one roof."







## Keeping hope alive: TRP and its partners continue to push for comprehensive immigration reform

Story by Ulises Silva

“Immigration reform isn’t dead.”

That’s the emphatic statement made by Mayra López, one of TRP’s head organizers in the ongoing fight for comprehensive immigration reform. Despite the setbacks, including the partial government shutdown, TRP, the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, and other partner organizations continue to work alongside concerned neighbors in a series of actions aimed at pressuring local legislators to pass this historic legislature.

Among the more poignant actions was a town hall action organized by TRP, Southwest Organizing Project, and Polish Initiative of Chicago at the office of Representative Dan Lipinski, the only Illinois Democrat who has not supported immigration reform. The action, which took place on September 5, involved 50 mothers, U.S. citizen children with parents in deportation proceedings, and faith leaders confronting Representative Lipinski at his town hall meeting to demand that he support immigration reform.

Similar actions have been held against other legislators, including a sit-in at the office of Representative Peter Roskam, one of the state’s

Republican leaders accused of holding immigration reform hostage.

“It’s important to keep this work alive, we have come a long way in our fight for immigration reform and this is not the time to give up,” says López. “We can’t afford to let our elected officials forget how important comprehensive immigration reform is for our families.”

The largest action over the past two months took place on October 12, 2013, when 8,000 people, union supporters, and immigration rights allies came together to march on downtown Chicago. The turnout far exceeded what the organizers had anticipated, a sign that people remain committed to fighting for immigration reform.

While López reiterates the importance of remaining hopeful, she feels renewed urgency as the current administration is fast approaching an ominous milestone.

“If the current level of deportations continue,” she says, “we will have reached more than 2 million deportations by the end of the year, which would be the most under any other administration in our country’s

history. These are families that are being torn apart because we have a broken immigration policy that criminalizes people instead of recognizing their contributions.”

The economic impact of comprehensive immigration reform alone is staggering: it is estimated that such legislation would increase the U.S. gross domestic product to \$1.5 trillion in the next decade, and increase federal, state, and local tax revenue by \$109 billion over the next ten years. Yet it’s the human toll that organizers like López hope legislators will consider.

“More than 400,000 people are being deported each year,” she says, “and if we stopped that, those are hundreds of thousands of families and children that can finally live a life without the fear of being separated. Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, especially those people who just come here in search of a better life and make their own sizable financial and cultural contributions to our country.”

## TRP spearheading the Chicago outreach for a national public service announcement campaign



My race is NOT part of a mortgage discussion.



My kids and I have the right to live anywhere we want.



The ramp I wanted to put in shouldn't raise my rent.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.

Knowing your rights is the first step in fighting housing discrimination. Educate yourself with the facts, go to [www.hud.gov/fairhousing](http://www.hud.gov/fairhousing). Call HUD to report housing discrimination at 1-800-669-9777.



A public service message from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in partnership with the National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders. The federal fair housing act prohibits discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status or disability.

On October 3, 2013, the National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB) launched a national, cutting-edge public service announcement campaign, the National Fair Housing Media Campaign, designed to engage and educate people about their rights as homeowners and tenants. The campaign is national but will go deep into eight target markets, including Los Angeles, Washington DC, Denver, and Chicago.

The Resurrection Project (TRP) was tabbed by NALCAB to conduct the Chicago outreach for this national campaign.

The National Fair Housing Media Campaign will engage and inform African-American, Latino, Asian Pacific Islanders, and other communities about discriminatory housing practices, their rights under the federal Fair Housing Act, and HUD resources. According to research, minority homebuyers and tenants are not always aware when they have been subjected to discrimination or even of their rights and protections afforded by the Fair Housing Act.

The campaign features multilingual TV and radio ads that depict people asserting their rights in a strong, confident manner. One ad features a

single mother having a conversation with a landlord who is asking inappropriate questions about her rental needs; she ends the conversation by handing him the phone, telling him it’s HUD, and that they will “want to speak” to him. The ads are designed to empower people with confidence and the knowledge that the law is on their side.

Since the start of the campaign on October 3, TRP has worked to disseminate the message to audiences across Chicago by launching an aggressive social media campaign on Facebook and Twitter. In addition, TRP’s Property Management team has placed campaign posters throughout TRP’s rental properties and other high-traffic community areas. The goal is to maximize the exposure these ads get so that more people become aware of their rights.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of:

- Race or color
- National origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial status (families with children)
- Disability

If you or someone you know is experiencing housing discrimination, you can file an online complaint at [www.hud.gov/fairhousing](http://www.hud.gov/fairhousing) or call The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 800-765-9372.



Mi raza no es parte de la discusión sobre mi hipoteca.

Conocer sus derechos es el primer paso en la lucha contra la discriminación de vivienda. Eduquese con los hechos, visite <http://www.hud.gov/office/fairhousing>. Para reportar una queja discriminatoria, llame a HUD al 1-800-669-9777.

SABER ES PODER.







# TRP, Bank of America, and Citibank helping un-banked families secure a better financial future

Story by Diana Hinojosa

Why do we need credit and how do we get it? Many people among our underserved communities don't know the answers to these. A healthy credit score can mean the difference between financial security and financial disaster. It's necessary to purchase a car, secure a favorable mortgage rate, and even for something as basic as renting an apartment.

Unfortunately, for underserved communities, credit is hard to establish or maintain when there is little information on how to acquire it or how to repair it. This can have short- and long-term financial repercussions. Landlords can charge higher rent or deposit amounts to someone with poor credit scores or a lack of credit history. Many banks will not issue credit cards without an established credit history, or will offer mortgage loans at higher interest rates, which will cost the mortgage holder tens of thousands of dollars more over the life of the loan.

"Higher credit scores allow people to qualify for personal loans from banks instead of payday loans through finance companies who charge high interest rates," explains Alejandro Chaidez, a Home Purchase Advisor at The Resurrection Project. "When they get a personal loan, they are more likely to get a fair market rate as opposed to a shark loan rate."

Helping people in our communities start or improve their credit scores and

work towards financial health is why The Resurrection Project (TRP) teamed up with Bank of America and Citibank on their respective financial coaching programs. Citibank's program provided nonprofits with financial tools, including a secure credit card, to assist people improve their credit. The secure credit card works like any other credit card with one exception: the credit line is prepaid by the credit card holder. The greater the amount of the deposit, the greater the credit line. This allows the individual with little, no, or poor credit to build a positive credit history.

Citibank also took this one step further by setting up the Chicago Credit Building Coalition, which included 13 agencies throughout the city. A year later, five of those agencies, including TRP, became partners and currently convene for quarterly meetings to streamline and improve upon the product to better serve their communities.

Bank of America and National Council of La Raza sponsored the creation of a three-step program which includes setting clients up with a free checking or saving account, financial coaching, and a secure credit card. This program helps members of un-banked communities avoid costly currency exchanges.

Among the program's participants is a disabled woman who had spent \$900 over the last two years by cashing her checks at the local currency exchange. When TRP paired her up with Bank of America's three-step program, she was not only able

to open a checking and savings account with no minimum deposit or start-up fee, but she was also awarded \$50 a quarter as an incentive to save. She is now well on her way to accessing responsible financial products at mainstream institutions.

Since the start of these partnerships, TRP has helped more than 100 people apply for and receive a Citi secure credit card. Nearly 10 of those participants have since purchased homes as a result of participating in the program. Participant borrowers have been able to acquire loans at interest rates less than what they would have otherwise obtained with their original credit scores. TRP is also conducting regular follow-up financial coaching sessions to ensure all participants remain on track toward meeting their next financial goal. TRP has also helped 130 un-banked people open no-cost checking and savings accounts with Bank of America and begin working towards improved financial health within one-on-one financial coaching.

Successful partnerships with financial institutions such as Citibank and Bank of America are helping TRP bring financial coaching and products to un-banked families.

"There is a real need for these types of partnerships with financial institutions," says Kristen Komara, Vice President of Financial Education and Counseling. "We want to see more of these products in our communities. They are really making a difference in the lives of people."

# TRP expands its successful Elev8 program to Finkl Academy

Story by Lyndsi Barboza

Student achievement across Chicago's southwest side is on the rise due to an exciting collaborative program that seeks to provide youth with the desire to learn and grow. And now, The Resurrection Project (TRP) is expanding that program to another school in Pilsen.

Established at CPS's Orozco Community Academy, in collaboration with Local Initiative Support Corporation's (LISC) New Communities Program, TRP's Elev8 afterschool enrichment program has been a success since its pilot phase began in 2007. The Elev8 model was designed to enhance academic achievement by providing afterschool enrichment programming for youth, increase parent to school involvement, and provide better access to health care for whole families.

The Pilsen-based program touts over 26 afterschool programs that are facilitated by a rich matrix of partners, including Alivio Medical Center, Gads Hill Community Center, Seven Generations Ahead, and West Town Bikes. Elev8 provides participants with a healthy afterschool environment to build upon skills and gain new interests that support their social and emotional needs, all while promoting the school as a community space for the whole family.

Due to the "hard work of students, faculty and staff, parents, and community partners, such as Elev8," says Ms. Paulette, Orozco Principal, Orozco Community Academy is now back to a level 1 school according to CPS Performance Policy Information released in mid-September.

The Orozco community has seen so much success in the past six years that TRP is now expanding the initiative into more schools across Pilsen. As of this academic year, Elev8 will begin offering at-scale programming out of neighboring middle school William F. Finkl Academy.

"We have seen the successes of Elev8 afterschool programs at Orozco," says Ulises Zatarain, Vice President of Community Programs at The Resurrection Project. "Now we are able to take these programs to more schools, so that these schools may also experience the success Orozco has had over the past 5 years."

In addition to physical expansion efforts, TRP is expanding program components to reach a greater breadth of the academic population by implementing early childhood education programming and facilitating primary and secondary transitions to improve student outcomes. By aligning curricula and creating teacher exchanges between receiving middle school and

primary school as well as between receiving high school and feeder middle school, TRP will coordinate the development of new teaching and learning standards across academic bridges. TRP and partner organizations have been utilizing a data-heavy tracking and analysis system to better understand transition trends between these two critical education points.

"The idea," explains Zatarain, "is to create a performance-based model of programming that we will be able to see the benefits of over time through tangible measures, like high school graduation and college matriculation."

The ultimate goal of The Resurrection Project's education enhancement efforts is to improve student programming and parent participation in order to achieve an increase in student academic and social-emotional preparedness, matriculation rates, and school performance.

In the long-term, realizing these successes will result in safer, more stable, and economically thriving communities.



# TRP in the news



# A day in the life of TRP

Staff photos of everyday life at TRP and our communities.

TRP has been in the news again. Here's a brief recap of all our recent media mentions!

Click on the pictures to go to each report!

The grand re-opening of Second Federal was covered by several regional and national outlets, including The Gate, Credit Union Times, CAN-TV, ABC-7, American Banker, News Tips, and Extra.

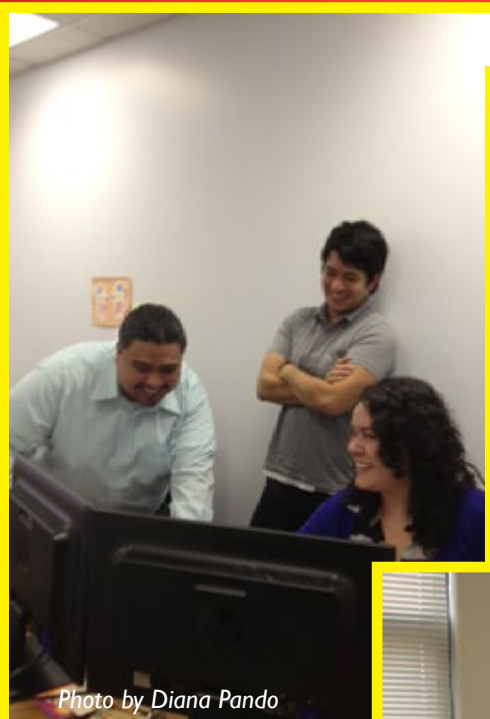
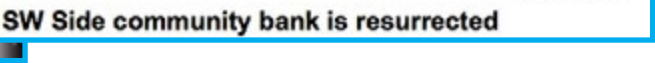


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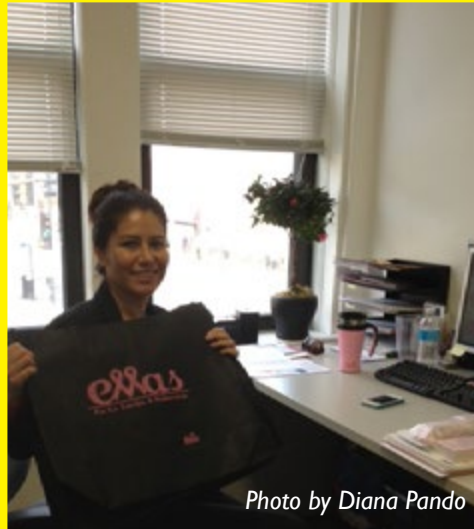


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Photo by Angelica Cruz



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