About The Resurrection Project

Now in its 26th year, The Resurrection Project (TRP) is a powerful and effective social enterprise that seamlessly blends community development, community organizing, and advocacy with human service delivery to create vibrant, healthier, and involved communities. With its innovative three-pillar Community Resurrection Model, TRP empowers individuals and families by creating community ownership, building community wealth, and by serving as stewards of community assets.

In 1990, TRP began with an initial seed capital of $30,000 from area parishes, which has since been leveraged into $404 million in community investment.

Our Vision 2020 and Imagine More

Vision 2020 is a strategic initiative to achieve even more impact in the next five years than in the past 25, transforming some of the most troubled neighborhoods into communities of promise. Our ambitious goal is to enable 60,000 catalysts of change and create more than $460 million in community investment by 2020.

We have embarked on an unprecedented campaign, Imagine More, to raise more than $25 million to fund Vision 2020.

Where we operate and why

Last year, we served over 9,050 families from all over the metropolitan Chicago region, and reached hundreds more through community events and grassroots outreach. Most TRP program participants come from low-income households and 88% are Latino. Predominantly Mexican first- and second-generation immigrant households face language, cultural, economic, and educational barriers; TRP provides the support and education to help families thrive. We revitalize communities by creating economic integration, building community assets and wealth, and empowering individuals to be catalysts of change.

35% Families from communities of Pilsen, Little Village, Back of the Yards, Cicero, and Melrose Park

35% Families from other Chicago neighborhoods

30% Families from suburban Chicago communities

Our mission

To build relationships and challenge people to act on their faith and values by creating community ownership, by building community wealth, and by serving as stewards of community assets.
Community Resurrection Model

**COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP**
Enable individuals by awakening their sense of ownership and pride, and then arm them with the skills, knowledge, and tools they need to be catalysts of change.
- Organizing
- Immigration Legal Services
- Community Education and Programs

**COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING**
Stimulate financial empowerment and lay the foundation for economic vitality so that individuals and business owners can be directly invested in the community and have a visible stake in its destiny.
- Financial Wellness
- Economic Development

**STRENGTHENED STAKEHOLDERS**
Our model strengthens public, private, and community stakeholders to provide the sustainable foundation that gives rise to healthy communities.

**HEALTHY COMMUNITY**

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Operating budget
In 2016, TRP’s operating budget is $9.95 million.

Awards and Recognitions
TRP has received more than 30 awards, including:
- The Association of Fundraising Professional’s 2015 Outstanding Community Leader Award
- The CNDA 2014 Friend of the Neighborhoods Award
- The CNDA 2014 Outstanding Nonprofit Neighborhood Real Estate Project
- The NCLR 2013 Outstanding Counseling Services in the Midwest Region
- The HACIA 2013 Project of the Year Award (La Casa)