About The Resurrection Project

Since 1990, The Resurrection Project (TRP) has revitalized predominantly low-income Latino communities on Chicago’s Southwest side through a variety of community development strategies. The organization started with $30,000 in seed capital collected from concerned neighbors and area churches.

TRP has leveraged those $30,000 into $305 million in community investments and wealth preserved, and has:

- Impacted more than 30,000 individuals
- Created nearly 600 affordable homes
- Developed more than 180,000 sq. ft. of community facilities

Our mission

To build relationships and challenge people to act on their faith and values to create a healthy community through organizing, education, and community development.

Where we operate and why

We focus our comprehensive community development efforts in Chicago’s Pilsen, Little Village, Back of the Yards, and Melrose Park communities. We serve 5,000 families annually from all over the metropolitan Chicago region.

Most TRP program participants come from low-income households. 88% percent of our clients are Latino—mostly low-income Mexican first- and second-generation immigrant households facing language, cultural, economic, and educational barriers. Many of our clients have been hit especially hard by the recent economic recession and the foreclosure crisis.
How TRP meets its mission

Financial Education and Counseling
- 26,000 individuals served through culturally sensitive financial education workshops and counseling.
- 1,300 successful homeowners created through our home purchase program.
- More than $171 million in community wealth created or preserved through our home ownership program and foreclosure counseling.

Community Engagement and Education
- Working with local and national organizations to improve safety, housing, education, and healthcare.
- Civically engaging neighbors, business owners, and community stakeholders at the local, regional, and national levels on immigration reform and other issues.
- Developing community leaders through youth and adult education efforts and training.

Property and Asset Management
- Responding to tenant needs and ensuring the physical health of our assets through preventative maintenance.
- Ensuring the health of our real estate portfolio including 343 rental units across 36 buildings.
- Leasing commercial spaces to nonprofits and small businesses for a variety of community needs.

Economic Development
- Incubated the Greater Pilsen Economic Development Association, a coalition of 80 local businesses promoting economic development initiatives in Pilsen.
- Empowering entrepreneurs and business owners through comprehensive, culturally sensitive services that support the long-term sustainability of small businesses and bolster the neighborhood economies.

Real Estate Development
- Nearly 600 units of affordable housing developed (rental and for-sale) that provide 1,500 families and seniors with safe, quality housing.
- 180,000 sq. ft. of commercial space developed, including two day care centers, a charter high school, and a college student support and housing facility.
- Projects developed by securing funding from various sources including Low Income Housing Tax Credits, state grants, Neighborhood Stabilization Program dollars, and private and corporate philanthropy.

La Casa Student Housing
- An innovative model in student housing that surrounds students with all the benefits and resources of on-campus living—plus the added advantage of an on-site Resource Center.
- Providing a supportive environment conducive to learning, career exploration and personal development.
- Offering workshops and individual academic counseling for college students, high school students, and parents, facilitating the process into and through college.

Quick facts

TRP’s 2014 annual operating budget is $6 million.

Earned income 50%
Philanthropic contributions 25%
Grants/contracts from government sources 25%

Awards and Recognitions
TRP has received more than 30 awards, including Bank of America’s 2009 Neighborhood Builder Award, Chicago Association of Realtors’ 2010 Good Neighbor Award, The Chicago Community Trust’s 2011 Outstanding Community Strategy of the Year Award, and the 2012 Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Award for Architectural Excellence in Community Design.

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