AROUND TRP

monthly highlights

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear friends, supporters, and community!

Building generational wealth is a term we often hear about and is often thought of as monetary wealth. However, true generational wealth goes beyond dollar signs. At TRP, we focus on building generational wealth on tangible and non-tangible assets. This month is Financial Literacy Month. One aspect of our work is teaching our families and their children about their finances so they can plan to build monetary generational wealth by becoming sustainable homeowners and giving back to their community. We remind families that becoming a homeowner does not mean they only own a piece of property; they also now have become owners of their community. Hence, the other aspect of work is encouraging, informing, and challenging families to take personal responsibility and accountability to improve and be engaged in their community.

This year we completed building assets like Casa Durango and are building several homes in Back of the Yards. Through our Full Circle Homes model, we continue to nurture financial stability to build paths for social and economic progress. As we empower, train, and educate families and individuals with the knowledge and tools they need to be a catalyst of change.

New homeowners **Aurea Diaz** and **Adrian Maldonado** had been studying on homeownership and attended the first-time homebuyer education class through TRP. Aurea and Adrian were featured in the Chicago Sun-Times and said, "Get informed." <u>Programs like Full Circle Homes are aimed at improving those statistics. Through the Resurrection Project, the couple was preapproved for a loan from a partner credit union and qualified for a \$20,000 grant."</u>

Although this month is about financial literacy and planning for monetary generational wealth, TRP will continue to build overall generational wealth through public, private, and community partnerships.

We look forward to working with Mayor-elect Johnson's administration to build true generational wealth in challenging communities that need tangible and non-tangible assets.

This month I want to thank all the staff and leaders of our Financial Wellness department for their leadership in the services we offer to the community designed to help families save money and establish credit history, property tax assessments, and financial education.

In gratitude,

Raul

TRP HIGHLIGHTS



CONGRATULATIONS, VICKY ARROYO!

Vicky has announced her departure as President and Chief Operating Officer at TRP. Vicky will be joining BMO as part of the Equity Advisory Group to provide capital to Latino and Black communities. We thank Vicky as she has strengthened TRP's presence, operations, and vision. Vicky will continue to be involved with TRP as a Board Member, committee member, and volunteer.



FELICIDADES, MAYOR-ELECT BRANDON JOHNSON!

TRP was proud to host and attend three mayoral forums with partnering organizations: **United Power**, **1Chi4All**, and as a member of the **Illinois Latino Agenda** (ILA) at the Black and Brown Futures mayoral event. We are ready to partner with you and look forward to working together to empower our community. A Letter to the Editor was published by the Chicago Tribune, coauthored by **Raul Raymundo**, CEO of TRP, and **Sylvia Puente**, CEO and President of the Latino Policy Forum that addressed both candidates to work shoulder to shoulder with the next administration to hold our federal public officials accountable to not only address this current crisis but also prevent the next one. Read the letter <u>here</u>.

PARTNERSHIPS



LATINAS LIDERES EN SALUD (LaLisa)

TRP is collaborating with **Dr. Yamilé Molina** and **UIC Cancer Center** to promote **LaLisa**, a research study for Latinas who have been diagnosed with breast cancer or have a family history of breast cancer and have not yet received genetic services. The study is looking for women 30 years old and older who can receive up to \$100 for participating. For more information on clinical trials, visit the <u>University of Illinois Cancer Center</u>.



The Chicago City Council Latino Caucus Foundation (CLCF) is opening its annual scholarship program for the 2023-2024 academic year. **\$5,000 scholarships** are currently available to Chicago high school and undergrad students. Apply <u>here</u> the deadline is **Friday, May 5, 2023, at 11:59 P.M.**

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING



TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP MYTH BUSTERS

MYTH: The Tax Credit Scholarship Program is a partisan program only supported by conservatives.

FACT: The Tax Credit Scholarship Program passed the legislature with bipartisan support. The Program continues to maintain bipartisan support, with unanimous support in April 2022 to pass improvements to the Program in HB4126.5. The majority of tax credit scholarships are awarded in

Democratic districts. Write your representative at <u>https://bit.ly/3ZuKgaX</u> and share your support now!

18th and Peoria Development Framework



SUBMIT YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT

The City of Chicago is collecting public comments from residents of Pilsen regarding the proposed development at 18th and Peoria by **Sunday, April 30, 2023**. If you want more affordable housing in Pilsen, to ensure that more families waiting on a waiting list for apartments have more options, and you want your voice heard, send your comments to <u>dpd@cityofchicago.org</u>. As a member of the 25th Ward Collective, we urge you to submit your comments.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



LOVE FRIDGE

TRP's **Chicago Community Health Response Corps** (CCHRC) team assisted in distributing food, PPE, and COVID-19 test kits with **Love Fridge** in Back of the Yards. The Love Fridge is a Chicago mutual aid group grounded in food, working to place community refrigerators across the city. The goal is to nourish our community while working against food apartheid and food waste. Click <u>here</u> to learn more about Love Fridge and get involved.



CPR TRAINING

TRP's **Chicago Community Health Response Corps** (CCHRC) team conducted CPR training for TRP Housing Navigators, TRP's Healthy Chicago Equity Zone team, and Cristo Rey interns. Congratulations on completing the training!



MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS

TRP's Healthy Chicago Equity Zone partnered with Casa Guanajuato to host mental health workshops that included First Aid training, crafts, and Zumba. Seventy-one people participated in the workshops; eight participated in all three workshops and received a certificate.

IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

CONGRATULATIONS, FELLOWS!

Congratulations to **Sergio Casillas Vazquez** with The Immigration Project and **David Flores** with Spanish Community Center; the fellows were approved for their partial DOJ accreditation. The Immigrant Justice Leadership Academy (IJLA) and the Colibrí Fellowship are the first of their kind. This professional fellowship is for individuals seeking partial or full DOJ accreditation. Click <u>here</u> to learn more about the Fellowship and to meet the 2023 Colibrí Fellows.



HEALTHY ILLINOIS CAMPAIGN

TRP as a member of the **Healthy Illinois Campaign** and members of the **Illinois Latino Legislative Caucus**, celebrates the 2023 launch of Healthy Illinois. Healthy Illinois For All Bill (<u>HB 1570/SB122</u>, <u>Hernandez/Aquino</u>) will expand comprehensive health coverage for low-income immigrant adults ages 19-41, regardless of immigration status. To learn more about Health Illinois Campaign, click <u>here</u>.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The Immigrant Justice Legal Clinic is holding volunteer training throughout the year. For more information and to register to volunteer, click <u>here</u>.

FULL CIRCLE HOMES



HOME PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

TRP is excited to announce the launch of our newest Home Payment Assistance through The **Micro Market Recovery Program (MMRP)**, an initiative of the Department of Housing (DOH) that assists in rebuilding communities by reducing the cost of homeownership. The MMRP program offers flexible purchase assistance of \$30,000 for income-eligible buyers. To schedule an appointment, email <u>homes@resurrectionproject.org</u>, or for more information, click <u>here</u>.

TRP LENDING

Spring forward with a new home project! Homeowners can borrow up to \$30,000 with a lowinterest rate of 4%. The loan can be used for needed repairs and upgrades to your home. For more information, contact <u>Jose Lepez Jr</u> at 312-880-1881, or click <u>here</u> to apply.

FREE FINANCIAL CONSULTATION

Meet with a financial counselor today to review your credit report and finances, or if you're interested in purchasing a home and don't know where to begin. Our financial counselors are

available every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Casa Hidalgo, 4600 S. Wood St., Chicago, IL 60609. Call for more information at 312-880-1137.

REAL ESTATE ASSETS AND SERVICES (REAS)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

TRP's REAS team builds positive change in the community through affordable apartments in Pilsen, Little Village, and Back of the Yards. Click <u>here</u> to learn more about the current vacancies.

RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT

TRP is hosting The Center for Disability and Elder Law (CDEL) on **Wednesday, April 19, 2023**, at Casa Maravilla at 1:00 p.m. and on **Tuesday, April 25, 2023**, at 10:00 a.m. at La Casa Resource Center, 1815 S. Paulina Street, Chicago, IL 60608. You will learn about Power of Attorney and Living Wills during the presentation. The presentation is open to staff, residents, and TRP partners.

EVENTS

AMOR A LAS VACUNAS

Spanish workshop! Join the vaccination education workshop on **Thursday, April 20, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at La Casa Resource Center**, 1815 S. Paulina Street, Chicago, IL 60609. Presented by ELLAS and **Dr. Geraldine Luna** will talk about the importance of vaccines for you and your family's health. In partnership with the Chicago Department of Public Health, the General Consul of Mexico in Chicago, Alivio Medical Center, and Vaccinate Your Family.

ELLAS - BRAS, BEAUTY, AND MORE ...

ELLAS offers support, education, and resources like bras to help women navigate their fight against cancer and give them a chance to take back their power. Join the ELLAS support group, TRP representatives, community, and breast cancer survivors on **Tuesday, May 9, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to noon**, at La Casa Resource Center, 1815 S. Paulina Street, Chicago, IL 60608.

ELLAS OPEN HOUSE - SAVE THE DATE

ELLAS, a TRP initiative, creates a space for Latina breast cancer survivors where they can find moral support resources to recover and return to their new normal. Join our open houses, empower yourself, and learn how to support other survivors. Save the date for **Monday**, **June 5**, **2023**. Look for more details in the May edition of the newsletter.

CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA

Join ELLAS, Gilda's Club Chicago, and UIC UI Health for a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, an event for the entire family, food, games, music, and crafts. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a small dish to share. **Friday, May 5, 2023**, starting at 5:00 p.m. at **La Casa Resource Center**, 1815 S. Paulina Street, Chicago, IL 60609. Register <u>here</u> or via the QR code in the flyer.



MENTAL HEALTH FAIR - SAVE THE DATE

Join TRP in Back of the Yards for a free community event with resources on mental health on **Saturday, April 22, 2023**, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at **Cornell Square Park**, 1809 W. 50th Street, Chicago, IL 60609. Community resources, vaccinations, family activities, live raffles, and music are available!

FINANCIAL WELLNESS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



OPEN POSITIONS AT TRP

TRP is currently hiring for several positions across the organization. If you know someone who wants to join a social impact organization rooted in community and operates statewide through its multipurpose networks, alliances, and initiatives in Housing, Immigration, Health, Education, and Safety, visit the website to view all open positions <u>here</u>.

IN THE NEWS

Raul Raymundo, CEO and Co-Founder, and **Sylvia Puente**, CEO and President of the **Latino Policy Forum**, co-authored a letter to the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board stating that the mayoral candidates should not just address the immediate needs of newly arrived migrants but also work to strategically fight for comprehensive immigration reform for all immigrants. We are ready to partner with you. Read the letter <u>here</u>.

Guacolda Reyes, Chief Development Officer at TRP, spoke with WBEZ's Host of Reset Sasha-Ann Simons, about the lack of affordable housing in Chicago and what TRP is doing to close the gap. Listen to the full interview <u>here</u>.

Donate to The Resurrection Project to support building relationships and creating healthy communities <u>here</u>.



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