AROUND TRP

monthly highlights

JUNE 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Hello friends, supporters, and community!

This month we not only celebrate Juneteenth, which commemorates the emancipation of African American slaves, but also **Pride Month**, **Father's Day**, **and Homeownership Month**.

I look forward to celebrating Father's Day with my dad and my family's unconditional love and support. My father is 85 years old, and I am very fortunate to share my work with him as I continue to be inspired by his resolve for life. Feliz día de los padres to all the dad's that continue to show up for their families and show love and support to their families.

TRP programs and events are in full swing, with summer events to support many families and unify the community. As part of your support for TRP, this was made possible, and I want to share this Chicago Tribune story published on June 13, 2023, on TRP's Immigrant Justice Leadership Academy, Colibrí Fellowship, Fellowship trains non-lawyers as representatives in immigration cases (chicagotribune.com). For more information about the Colibri Fellowship Ceremony, please read more in the TRP Highlight section of the newsletter.

As you read through this month's newsletter, I invite you to join us for a street mass, take a mental health break during one of our first aid sessions, learn how to appeal your property taxes, understand your credit by sitting with one of our financial advisors, learn how easy home improvement is with one of our advisors, or if you're interested in purchasing a home join us for a free home purchasing education course.

This month we highlight homeownership. Since 1990 TRP has been developing affordable housing for families and communities while creating and preserving generational wealth.

Through our services, partnerships with the community and community leaders, and local officials, we advocate and give families an opportunity to achieve the American Dream of owning a home.

Through stories like Maria Gomez, we continue to deliver programs and services to show the true impact of community building. Please read about her incredible journey.



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My name is Maria Gomez and I work as a cashier for Menards in Melrose Park, and I am also a laborer for Bridgeport Metal in Chicago.

As a homeowner, I faced multiple challenges that caused me to fall behind with my mortgage. My financial hardship started in June 2020, I separated from my partner. October 2020, I got Covid-19, and was unable to work for one month. When I returned to work, I had a reduction in the hours, client traffic and sales were down at Menards. I also worked less hours at Bridgeport Metal due to Covid-19. Unfortunately, my housing expenses increased, and I exhausted my savings. As of three months ago, I had an order for protection put in place and with the help of Legal Aid, I am currently going through a divorce. I am also working on a financial plan to increase my savings by working extra hours to save for an emergency.

I am extremely thankful for working with The Resurrection Project, they helped me overcome my challenges. Their intake team was very friendly, I was able to schedule a phone appointment in less than two weeks. Because of my work schedule, I had limited access to my phone and unable to speak on the phone, the counselor made it super easy to communicate digitally via SMS and email. It was a remarkable experience.

Programs like these at The Resurrection Project are important to strengthening the Latino community because they are free and bilingual. I knew someone who lost their home because they didn't look for resources and gave up. I was not going to do the same, I was fortunate enough to get a referral and I highly recommend working with The Resurrection Project because they make it super easy to understand the process of building wealth for my family as a homeowner.

It is very important for organizations such as Wells Fargo to support programs like this because nobody deserves to be homeless. Latinos need to find a free way to prevent foreclosure, understand the process of homeownership, explore options to lower the cost of homeownership and learn how to preserve generational wealth. I'm extremely thankful to UnidosUS and The Resurrection Project for making a positive impact in my community.

- MARIA GOMEZ



At TRP, we believe that everyone deserves to live in a safe and affordable home. Whether you rent or own, having a place to call home is the base of families' foundation. Preserving and creating homeownership opportunities strengthen communities and help families and individuals build wealth and achieve financial stability.

Please join us in one of the many activities that we are hosting this summer.

In gratitude,

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TRP HIGHLIGHTS

JUNETEENTH - OFFICE HOURS

Monday, June 19, 2023, TRP offices will be closed in honor of Juneteenth.

Tuesday, June 20, 2023, TRP offices will resume normal business hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

COLIBRÍ FELLOWSHIP CEREMONY

On Friday, May 26, 2023, TRP celebrated the first inaugural class of Colibrí Fellows for the completion of the 2023 Fellowship program. 21 Fellows from 20 organizations across Illinois completed the program and continue to work towards finalizing their DOJ accreditation applications. Three Fellows have since been approved for partial and full accreditation. Congratulations, Fellows! We look forward to seeing how you will impact the lives of immigrants.

Click here to meet the Fellows.

Click here to view photos of the celebration.

Organizations can nominate non-accredited individuals or partially accredited representatives who seek partial or full DOJ accreditation. The application for Colibrí Fellowship opens on June 30, 2023, and will close on July 31, 2023.

To learn more about the fellowship: https://bit.ly/43CBf1k

Rhetoric rises ahead of court date



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"The ground is so dry right now that the little bit of rain that we had (Sunday) didn't do anything because it just kind of sat on the top of the soil."



NO APRIL SHOWERS

Chicago experiencing moderate drought

By Vivian La | Chicago Tribune

Ex-state senator testifies in bribe trial

'What's in it for me, though?' he asks in secret FBI recording

By Jason Meisner Chicago Tribune

Then-Illinois state Sen. Terry Link was secretly wired for sound by the FBI in August 2019 when he met at a North Shore Wendy's restaurant with his colleague, state Rep. Luis Arroyo, and a busi-nessman about passing legislation

could be conceased as a fee.

"That would be nice," said Link, proposing that the checks be put in another person's name so that the money could not be traced back

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"My word is my bond, and my reputation — "Arroyo said before Link cut him offer who passed your first bill," Link joked on the recording, may be supported by the country of the conversation was one of a number of secret recordings made

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Governor signs ban on book banning

Ukrainians take back several villages

Ukrainian troops have retaken seven villages from Russian forces in the past week, the deputy defense minister said as the early stages of Kylv's counteroffensive notched small successes. Nation & World, Page 4 in Business

DOJ program preps people to assist immigrants



Fellowship trains them to represent residents without legal status

By Laura Rodríguez Presa Chicago Tribune

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Turn to Immigrants, Page 4

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Read the full article here: https://tinyurl.com/muftwhba





COMMUNITY MEETING WITH MI HOGAR AND RESIDENTS

Mi Hogar co-hosted a meeting for TRP Residents and community members to discuss the future of 18th and Peoria to create affordable housing and keep families in Pilsen. Longtime Pilsen residents shared their stories of how TRP affordable housing allowed them to remain in the community. This vision for 18th and Peoria will continue to advocate for balanced community development.

We are working towards meeting with the entire community. Please stay tuned for upcoming information on future meetings.



CONGRATULATIONS, LAURA MENDOZA

Congratulations to Laura Mendoza for being part of the first URGENT Fellowship, the Universal Representation Galvanizing, Empowering, Networking, and Training, through the National Partners for New Americans (NPNA).

PARTNERSHIPS



UNIDOS US

TRP has partnered with UnidosUS's Home Ownership Means Equity (HOME) initiative. UnidosUS aims to transform the economic trajectory of Latinos by advancing system change to enable the creation of 4 million new Hispanic homeowners by 2030. Unidos knows the impact of more than 62 million Latinos living and working in the United States, contributing \$2.7 trillion to the economy.

On Thursday, June 8, 2023, TRP hosted **Janet Murguí**a, President and CEO of UnidosUS, **Dr. Cristina Pacione-Zayas**, Deputy Chief of Staff for Mayor Brandon Johnson, and community partners gathered at TRP's La Casa Resource Center to discuss solutions for Chicago's migrant crisis. Telemundo Chicago's reporter **Iris Berrios** spoke with Janet. Watch the full interview **here**.



A Beat Facilitator is a community representative and voice for the community that co-chairs and assists in facilitating beat meetings along with sworn community policing officers.

Roles and expectations include:

- Represent community residents
- Be compassionate, positive, honest, kind, fair, friendly and motivating
- Be a team player and work well with all residents and district police officers
- Able to organize and lead a community meeting
- Participate monthly in District Advisory Council meetings
- Ability to identify, address community needs and problems and initiate community outreach

Beat Facilitators must:

- Reside or work in the Beat they will represent
- Have basic computer and smart phone skills
- Apply for Beat Facilitator by scanning the QR code

Interested in this opportunity? Scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/beatfacilitator

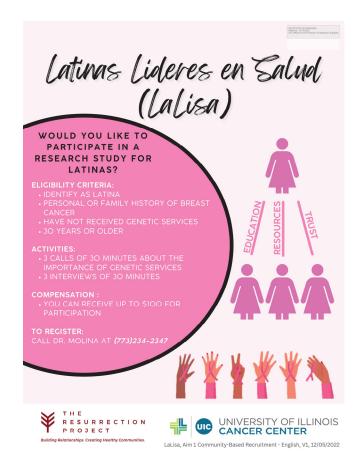


STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT CHICAGO

The Chicago Police Department's Community Policing Office is hosting its 2023 Beat Facilitator Drive.

Beat Facilitators and Co-Facilitators play an essential role in public safety and are recruiting and training community residents.

Interested in this opportunity? Scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/beatfacilitator.



LATINAS LIDERES EN SALUD (LaLisa)

TRP is collaborating with **Dr. Yamilé Molina** and **the University of Illinois 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 **Cancer Center**.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING



ADVOCATING FOR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Between February and May, Father Brendan Curran, TRP staff, organizers, and more than 600 parents and students traveled to Springfield to meet with public officials to advocate for Tax Credit Scholarships.

Advocacy Training Nights:

From November 2022 through May 2023: TRP held 4 area advocacy training nights with 86 parents on Chicago's South and West Side and Cicero.

Illinois General Assembly Mobilization:

Veto Session Oct-Nov 2022: 213 parents and students Lame Duck Session Jan 2023: 63 parents and students Spring Session (Apr 19- May 19): 449 parents and students

Overall, TRP organized 16 different bus trips during the school year 2022-23 and **more than 600 parents and students** from schools across the West and South Sides of Chicago and Waukegan. The General Assembly passed the budget and did not include an extension of Invest in Kids beyond the school year.

We call on State Legislators and Governor J.B. Pritzker to approve it in the fall legislative session.

FAITH TABLE INTERFAITH COALITION

TRP, Faith Table Interfaith Coalition, New City faith leaders, and community partners held an Interfaith celebration at Cornell Square Park in Back of the Yards. Neighbors gathered for music, food, face painting, and praise service. Click here for information on how to get involved with Faith Table.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS





MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRIION

HOPE Family Services celebrated Mother's Day with more than 40 mothers from the program. They were treated to TLC with hair, makeup, massages, facials, games, prizes, and even activities for the children. We love honoring them for all that they do for their families.



MOTHER'S DAY RESOURCE EVENT

TRP's Community Health Response Corp team supported our partners at Richards Academy. The Mother's Day event provided resources for women and families to support their health best.



CPR TRAINING

In May, TRP's Community Health Response Corps team trained the HOPE Family Services staff on CPR. Our goal is to train 100% of staff on Hands-Only CPR. To date, we have trained 49.6% of TRP staff.

TRP brought CPR lessons to the Youth Hood Fair and taught youth CPR training. TRP will continue to partner with the neighborhood by providing mental health support to our youth.



CHICAGO MOVES

TRP partnered with the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) to assist youth from across the city to get Chicago's youth moving at Union Park. Youth were encouraged to move around by joining Zumba lessons or other sports-related activities.





ELLAS

On Saturday, June 11, 2023, ELLAS celebrated its 11th Anniversary at the TRP Resource Center. ELLAS welcomed fellow survivor and special guest Marisela Vazquez from NBC/Telemundo. The event was successful and inspiring as we honored breast cancer survivors. Thank you to our partners, ENLACE, UIC, Access Community Health, Equal HOPE, RUSH, MacNeal/Loyola Medicine, Universidad Popular, Ventanilla de

Salud/Mexican Consultant, Sinai. Thank you to Dr. Yamile Molina from UIC Cancer Center for her incredible support of ELLAS.

ELLAS - SPECIAL EVENTS

ELLAS is dedicated to providing resources, general information, and support to Breast Cancer patients and survivors to raise awareness through our partnerships and events.

We were honored to distribute bras, sleeves, and knitted prosthetics to breast cancer survivors in May. We also participated in events across the city, partnering with community organizations and academic institutions to continue to raise awareness of Breast Cancer.

Thank you to our friends at Paz Elementary for your commitment and for hosting a community fundraiser. If you would like to donate to ELLAS, click <u>here</u>.

IMMIGRANT JUSTICE



ADVOCATING IN SPRINGFIELD

Between March and May, TRP staff, promotoras, and partner organizations traveled down to Springfield to advocate for critical programs and policies. This year, TRP and our partners are advocating for:

- Healthy Illinois expanding access to healthcare for undocumented individuals ages 19-41.
- \$25M for Illinois Access to Justice increased funding for legal services and community navigator programs in communities impacted by immigration and incarceration.
- \$13.5M for Parent Mentor Program increased funding for the program to expand capacity and add additional schools

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 homes@resurrectionproject.org, or for more information, click here.



TRP LENDING

Summertime is the perfect time to start on new home project! Homeowners can borrow up to \$30,000 with a low-interest 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.

MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) offers up to \$60,000 in assistance for past-due mortgage payments, homeowner association fees, or property taxes. Call our financial advisors to learn more about the program and schedule an appointment 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.



CASA MARAVILLA

TRP partnered with the **Chinese American Service League (CASL)** to present residents of Casa Maravilla with the services that are available to them, such as meal delivery, employment services, home care services, adult day service, behavioral health, healthy aging, and Alzheimer's informational resources. Mattie Bryant and Chef Felipe provided a delicious Mexican meal, all prepared by CASL's culinary arts program participants.



TRP RESIDENT SERVICES

TRP's Resident service team, led by **Eleazar Vazquez**, Director of Residential Services and Community Outreach, provides resources for all TRP tenants throughout many events. In May, residents participated in Mother's Day celebrations, financial wellness services, and health resources. Eleazar and the TRP Property Managers look forward to providing resources and getting to know the residents while hosting a Cafecito con Concha event.

TRP residents, stay tuned for more information about the next gathering in your building.

EVENTS

WALK WITH A DOC

Please join TRP's Healthy Chicago Equity Zone team launch **Walk with a Doc** this Saturday and every Saturday at Marquette Park from 9 am-10:30 am. This doctor-led group is a fun and safe place to walk, learn about health, and meet new friends. The event is FREE, and all are welcome!

Please visit this link for more information: https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/chicago-illinois-swop/.



STREET MASSES

TRP's **Faith Table Coalition** is excited to announce the return of street masses. **Father Brendan Curran** and a team of community organizers invite you to attend a street mass on your block and celebrate with the entire community for a celebration in the **St. Vitus Zocalo** for a special mass, **Nuestra Misa**, on **August 25**, **2023**, at 6:15 p.m. at **1815 S. Paulina**. All block parties will begin with a blessing at each building at 6:15 p.m., followed by a street mass. Join us as we continue to build relationships with our neighbors.



FINANCIAL WELLNESS CALENDAR OF EVENTS





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JUNE CALENDAR

FREE FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT CONSULTATIONS

WALK-IN WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday from 11AM - 6PM

Casa Hidalgo 4600 S. Wood St. Chicago, IL 60609

CONSULTAS DE ASESORAMIENTO FINANCIERO GRATUITO Y CONFIDENCIAL

Todos los miércoles de 11AM - 6PM

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HOMEBUYER EDUCATION PART 1: PERSONAL FINANCE

Saturday, June 10 from 10AM - 1PM

Thinking about buying a home but don't know where to start? Join us for a home buying session. Our experts will walk you through the buying process and answer any questions you have.



La Casa Resource Center, 1815 S. Paulina St. Chicago IL 60608

FORECLOSURE-COMO PROTEGER SU CASA EN TIEMPO DE CRISIS

Tuesday, June 20 from 4pm - 5pm

Virtual Event: FB live: Join @consulmexchicago



To register, please scan QR code >>>

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JUNE CALENDAR

HOMEBUYER EDUCATION PART 2 BUILDING YOUR HOMEBUYING TEAM

Saturday, June 24 from 10AM - 6PM

Designed especially for new home buyers, this FREE two-part course provides the education, tools, and guidance to make home buying easier! In part two, you will hear from our home buying advisers, as well as our trusted partners, on the steps to help you reach your greatest financial goal, buying a home.



HOME IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP/ TALLER DE MEJORAMIENTO A SU HOGAR

Monday, June 26 Lunes 26 de Junio - 5PM - 8PM

Learn about home improvements and resources that can help you with renovations or repairs. We'll provide tips on what improvements will help increase the value of your home, researching contractors, and developing a budget for your projects.

Obtenga información sobre mejoras en el hogar y recursos que pueden ayudarlo con renovaciones o reparaciones. Brindaremos consejos sobre qué mejoras ayudarán a aumentar el valor de su hogar, investigando contratistas y desarrollando un presupuesto para sus proyectos.

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IN THE NEWS

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Eré Rendón, Vice President of Immigrant Justice at TRP, spoke with Telemundo Chicago's reporter Iris Berrios on the latest migrant crisis in Chicago. Then Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson planned to roll out. View the interview <u>here</u>.

Carlos Millan, Community Health Manager at TRP, spoke with Telemundo Chicago's reporter Iris Berrios on how Chicago can offer better mental health solutions. Then Mayorelect Brandon Johnson planned to propose mental health care for the residents of Chicago. View the interview here.

<u>Illinois Access to Justice</u> and Legal Protection Fund's Community Navigators play an essential role in providing resources to refugees, asylum seekers, and newly arrived migrants. <u>WBEZ</u> 's reporter for Curious City, Adriana Cardona-Maguigad, visits the community. Listen to the full story <u>here</u>.

Father Brendan Curran spoke with Univision Network reporter Enrique Garcia Fuentes on the importance of Faith Table's presence in the community. Faith Table is raising a campaign for a safer Chicago on the southside, as well as getting different faith denominations to come together to create a peaceful environment. View the full interview here.

TRP was mentioned by Block Club Chicago's reporter Mack Liederman in an article that addresses the Emergency Relief Assistance Program (ERAP). Read the article here.

TRP was mentioned in the Chicago Tribune's reporter Lizzie Kane's article addressing the Early Resolution Program initiative. Read the full article here.

Matt Cole, Director of Public Funding and Relationships at TRP, was a guest on the podcast Trust Talks. Listen to the podcast here.

Eré Rendón, Vice President of Immigrant Justice at TRP and Ricarda Pedraza, TRP Resident, spoke with ABC 7 Chicago's reporter Sarah Schulte to discuss the celebration of the 11th Anniversary of DACA — but there is still a lot that has to be done. Click here to watch the full news story.

To promote an event or to share an update about your program and services, email the MarCom team.

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

