

# AROUND TRP

monthly highlights

JULY / AUGUST 2023

## TRP HIGHLIGHTS

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### TRP PARTNERS WITH DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

TRP and Dominican University announced their partnership in reopening La Casa student dormitory to students. Dominican University, based in River Forest, will expand its campus

and programs into Pilsen at La Casa. This unique city immersion campus will offer expanded educational opportunities to the surrounding communities and address the inequities in access to higher education. Read the full announcement [here](#).



## 2023 UnidosUS CONFERENCE

TRP was recognized at the 2023 UnidosUS Conference with the **Midwest Affiliate of the Year Award**. It was an honor to be recognized by UnidosUS for our hard work and commitment to our residents, families, and communities in Pilsen, Little Village, Back of the Yards, and across the city and state. Thank you to [Janet Murguía](#) and [UnidosUS](#). We are grateful for the recognition.

### UnidosUS: The Power of US 2023 Conference Highlights

TRP was honored to host the UnidosUS's welcome reception and participate in the 2023 Annual Conference: The Power of Us. Mayor Brandon Johnson, elected officials, and partnering organizations attended the reception and welcomed the conference participants.

Throughout the conference, we heard inspiring words by special guest Vice President of the United States, Kamala Harris. Her message of uplifting and fighting for our communities resonated with the overall message of The Power of Us.

Raul Raymundo, CEO and co-founder of TRP, spoke on a panel to discuss how to break the starter home barrier and create housing supply solutions for Latinos. He discussed partnering with [Kinexx Modular Construction](#) and building affordable houses in Back of the Yards.

[Eréndira \(Ere\) Rendón](#), Vice President of Immigrant Justice at TRP, was a panelist discussing immigration issues nationwide and spoke about the Illinois Access to Justice initiative.

Thank you again to everyone from UnidosUS. We are grateful for the recognition and your partnership.

Click [here](#) to view photos and videos of the conference.



## MEET AND GREET WITH MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON

TRP joined [United Power for Action and Justice](#) alongside other community organizations to speak with **Mayor Brandon Johnson** about reclaiming the city for the people of the City of Chicago. The Mayor committed to creating more affordable housing in the city's south side.

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## UIC PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

TRP, the University of Illinois Cancer Center, and Dr. Yamile Molina have had a long-standing relationship through several of our programs and specifically with ELLAS. Together we are advocating and supporting cancer survivors. Through this relationship, cancer survivors are providing resources and an option to study participants through a study called, LaLisa.

Read the full feature [here](#).  
To learn more about ELLAS, click [here](#).



## CASA YUCATÁN

TRP, Mi Hogar, and 25th Ward Alderman Byron Sigcho Lopez met with the community to discuss Casa Yucatan, TRP's newest housing development. Casa Yucatan will be an 8-story new construction building at 21st Place and Ashland featuring 98 apartments. The apartments will be available to Pilsen residents as the development is designed to combat displacement and ensure that large families remain in Pilsen.



Longtime Pilsen residents shared their stories of how TRP affordable housing allowed them to remain in the community, in addition to former community members hoping to return to their childhood neighborhood.

BlockClub reporter, Madison Savedra, captured the meeting. [Click here to read the article.](#)

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## LABOR DAY - OFFICE HOURS

**Monday, September 4, 2023**, TRP offices will be closed in honor of Labor Day.

**Tuesday, September 5, 2023**, TRP offices will resume regular business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



## CONGRATULATIONS, ERICA ESQUIVEL

Erica Esquivel, Real Estate Broker at The Resurrection Project, has been recently recognized and certified by Broker Agent Advisor as one of the best in real estate based on achievement, leadership, and her service during the calendar year 2022.

## IN THE KNOW - COMMUNITY MEETINGS

### Damen Silos

On August 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Arturo Velasquez Institute at 2800 S. Western, join the discussion about the Damen Silos: safe demolition, oversight, dust control measures, and Environmental and health protections. Click [here](#) for additional information.

### Rezoning Property

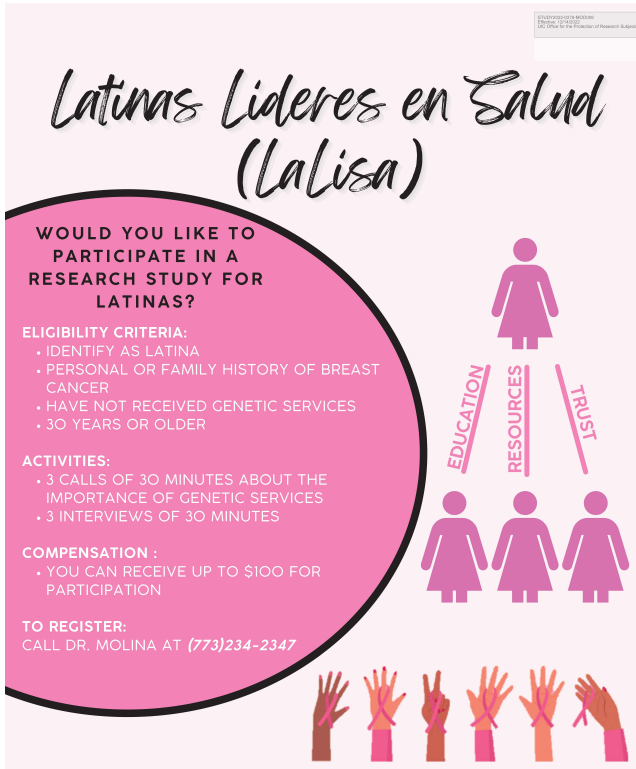
Attend a community meeting on August 24, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 1030 W. 21st Street. Join a community discussion at the proposed rezoning property for a restaurant and reconstruction for a distillery. For additional information, contact Rolando R. Acosta at [rolando@acostaezgur.com](mailto:rolando@acostaezgur.com).

## PARTNERSHIPS

UNIDOS U.S.

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. UnidosUS knows the impact of more than 62 million Latinos living and working in the United States, contributing \$2.7 trillion to the economy.

TRP knows the importance of becoming a homeowner. It creates the opportunity to establish generational wealth for our families. Learning to make adjustments is what helps create sustainability and build equity. Being able to help the community is only possible with our partners like [Wells Fargo](#) and [UnidosUS](#). Together we can continue to help our community and provide access to resources that make a difference down the road like it did for Veronica Gonzales. Click [here](#) to learn about Veronica's journey.



**Latinas Líderes en Salud (LaLisa)**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY FOR LATINAS?**

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- IDENTIFY AS LATINA
- PERSONAL OR FAMILY HISTORY OF BREAST CANCER
- HAVE NOT RECEIVED GENETIC SERVICES
- 30 YEARS OR OLDER

**ACTIVITIES:**

- 3 CALLS OF 30 MINUTES ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF GENETIC SERVICES
- 3 INTERVIEWS OF 30 MINUTES

**COMPENSATION :**

- YOU CAN RECEIVE UP TO \$100 FOR PARTICIPATION

**TO REGISTER:**  
CALL DR. MOLINA AT (773)234-2347

EDUCATION  
RESOURCES  
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UIC UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CANCER CENTER  
LaLisa, Aim 1 Community-Based Recruitment - English, V1, 12/05/2022

## 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](#).

## STAR FARM FRESH MARKET

Star Farm Chicago is a non-profit urban farm and landscaping company in Chicago that opened its doors in Back of the Yards in July. Star Farm offers fresh, affordable food at 5254 S. Ashland, Chicago, IL 60609

### COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

## 33rd ANNUAL NUESTRA MISA EN EL ZOCALO

Friday, August 25th

6:00 pm

en el Zocalo:

*18th Place & Paulina Street*

*Principal Celebrant  
and Honoree:*

**Fr. Don Nevins**

With

Special

Guests:

**El Coro de  
Santa Ines  
de Bohemia**



## PILSEN STREET MASSES

TRP invites 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 since 1990.

### COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

SAVE THE DATE

# ELLAS WALK-A-THON

**SPECIAL GUEST**



**Marcela Vázquez**  
Meteorologist, Telemundo Chicago  
Breast Cancer Survivor

**THE RESURRECTION PROJECT AND  
ELLAS INVITE YOU TO THE  
ELLAS  
WALK-A-THON**



**Join us for the Walk-a-Thon**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023**

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Harrison Park  
19th Street and Wolcott

**\$15 Registration – Includes T-shirt**  
Free for Breast Cancer Survivors!

Register at:  
**(312) 666 - 1323**



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en la lucha a sobrevivir  
www.ellastrp.org



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**ROBERT H. LURIE  
COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER**  
OF NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

## HEALTHY CHICAGO EQUITY ZONE (HCEZ)

HCEZ, an initiative of TRP, partners with residents and organizations to increase mental health resources in the McKinley Park neighborhood.

## CHICAGO COMMUNITY HEALTH RESPONSE CORP. (CCHRC)

CCHRC, an initiative of TRP, connects TRP tenants and Chicagoans with public health employment and training opportunities to increase health resources in the community. We educate our community about COVID-19 and other public health threats in partnership with clinics, hospitals, and community organizations.

**Stop by and visit our team members during any of these events:**

**August 26** - Health Resource - Chicago Hispanic Coalition McKinley Park Field House in McKinley Park  
2210 W. Pershing Rd.  
Chicago, IL 60609  
10 a.m.- 2 p.m.



**September 2 - Give Back Concert**

1812 S. Ashland  
Chicago, IL 60608  
Noon - 4:00 p.m.

**September 14 – Latinx Resource Fair**

Chicago Public Library - Little Village Branch  
2311 S. Kedzie Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60623  
4:00 pm. - 7:00 p.m.



## Yoga Therapy

We invite you to join Centro Sanar's Yoga Therapy group to support reduction of stress and to increase mental and physical wellbeing. This yoga class will focus on releasing trauma in the body and learning ways to support emotional regulation in a supportive group environment.



**Aug 2 - Sep 20**

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Weekly on Wednesdays



**Alderman Julia  
Ramirez Office**

3868 South Archer  
Chicago, IL. 6032



Please reserve your space by calling (224) 788-7201 or emailing [intake@centrosanar.org](mailto:intake@centrosanar.org)

Learn more about Centro Sanar at [www.centrosanar.org](http://www.centrosanar.org)



**HEALTHY  
SOUTHWEST**  
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**walk** WITH a **DOC**  
educate. exercise. empower.

**camine** con un **DOCTOR**  
educar. ejercitar. empoderar.

**let's talk  
about colon  
cancer.**

with Dr. Martha  
Menchaca from  
UI Health



**hablemos  
de cáncer  
de colon.**

con Dr. Martha  
Menchaca de  
UI Health

**THIS SATURDAY, JULY 29TH:**

9:00am-10:30am

**Where?** Marquette Park  
starting at the Martin Luther  
King Jr. Living Memorial

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9:00 am-10:30 am

**¿Dónde?** Parque Marquette  
comenzando en el Martín Luther  
King Jr. Living Memorial

*Sponsored by  
Patrocinado por*

**RSNA**  
Radiological Society  
of North America



## IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

### VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The Immigrant Justice Legal Clinic is holding volunteer training throughout the year. For more information and to register to volunteer, click [here](#).

## FULL CIRCLE HOMES



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## DO YOU WANT TO LOWER YOUR PROPERTY TAXES?



The Cook County Assessor's Office is currently processing property tax appeals in the West Chicago Township. Come and meet with our team of housing experts for assistance to submit your property tax appeal!

**APPEALS ACCEPTED FOR: PILSEN, LITTLE VILLAGE,  
MARSHALL SQUARE, NORTH LAWNSDALE, GARFIELD PARK,  
LOGAN SQUARE AND WICKER PARK.**

**DON'T WAIT! THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR TAX APPEAL IS  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

**JOIN US ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

- »» **WEDNESDAYS FROM 3:00PM - 7:00PM: 8/23, 8/30, 9/6**
- »» **MONDAY FROM 3:00PM - 7:00PM: 9/11**

**Bring your most recent property tax bill and your ID.**

**WALK-INS WELCOME!**

### **THE RESURRECTION PROJECT**

La Casa Resource Center  
1815 S. Paulina Street  
Chicago, IL 60608  
[www.resurrectionproject.org](http://www.resurrectionproject.org)  
312-880-1137

**THE RESURRECTION PROJECT**

**DOH**  
Department of Housing

# \$30,000

## DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE!

*for Owner-Occupancy Only*

The grant can be used for any type of purchase assistance, including but not limited to down payment assistance, principal write-downs, closing costs and Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI) premiums.

### PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The City of Chicago's Micro Market Recovery Program (MMRP) offers flexible purchase assistance for eligible, income-qualified owner occupants who are purchasing in the expanded MMRP Target Neighborhoods.

- ★ Property must be a 1-4 Unit
- ★ Must be owner-occupied
- ★ Income restrictions apply
- ★ Must have an executed contract to apply
- ★ Property must be located within MMRP Target Areas
- ★ Must attend a HUD certified 8-hour Homebuyer Education Workshop
- ★ Landlord Certificate for 2-4 Flats Homebuyer Certificate
- ★ Pre-approval from a lender

Verify if your property is in the MMRP Target Area by visiting <https://www.elevatenp.org/mmrp>

**For More Information Please Contact:**  
The Resurrection Project  
312-880-1137  
[homes@resurrectionproject.org](mailto:homes@resurrectionproject.org)

## 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](mailto: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 [Jose Lepez Jr](#) at 312-880-1881, or click [here](#) 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.

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## 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)

TRP's REAS team builds positive change in the community through affordable apartments in Pilsen, Little Village, and Back of the Yards. Click [here](#) to learn more about the current vacancies.

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**Arantxa Martinez, Administrative Assistant for HOPE, a TRP initiative**, spoke with Telemundo Chicago. The Resurrection Project was among many community organizations

participating in the [Chicago Police Department's](#) National Night Out. View the interview [here](#).

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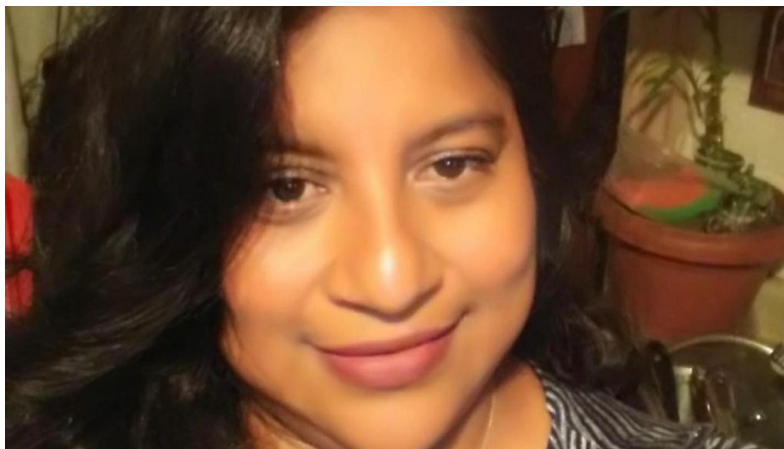
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**Katherine Greenslade, Director of the Legal Clinic at The Resurrection Project**, spoke with Chicago Tribune reporter Laura Presa on the asylum seeker's struggle while waiting for work permits. Read the full article [here](#).

## IN MEMORIAM



ANA GUATEMALA,  
(1972- 2023)

Ana Guatemala, a friend and TRP leader, passed away suddenly on August 16, 2023. Ana

joined the TRP family as a Parent Mentor and Promotora, volunteered at Orozco Community Academy, and was a Pilsen resident. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and coworkers.

To make a donation via Go Fund Me, click [here](#).

## **Visitation and Funeral Arrangements**

### **Visitation**

**Thursday, August 24**

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Marin Funeral Home

2744 W. 51st Street

Chicago, IL 60632

### **Funeral Mass**

**Friday, August 25**

9:30 a.m.

St. Pius Church

1919 S. Ashland Avenue

Chicago, IL 60608

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To promote an event or to share an update about your program and services, email the [MarCom team](#).

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