

# AROUND TRP

monthly highlights

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2023



# TRP HIGHLIGHTS

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## WORK PERMITS FOR ALL

On November 14, we joined thousands in Washington, D.C., to urge President Biden to expand work permits for long-term immigrants who have been long-time members of our communities, raised families, and have worked in the U.S. for decades. Immigrant Justice at The Resurrection Project was a leading organization that gathered a group of advocates, business leaders, members of Congress, and immigrants and their families. Click [here](#) to read more about the rally.

Since September, TRP, immigrant leaders, elected officials, members of the immigrant community, and allies have publicly gathered to demand that President Biden extend work permits for all immigrants, regardless of their immigration status. For more information on the Chicago rally on October 12, click [here](#).

For more information and how to get involved, please visit [www.workpermits4all.org](http://www.workpermits4all.org).

Click [here](#) to see photos of the team in action.

### TPS and Work Authorization Workshops for Newly Arrived Immigrants

On September 21, President Joe Biden and the Administration announced that 470,000 Venezuelan nationals in the United States would be designated for Temporary Protective Status (TPS). Additionally, President Biden has authorized parole programs for more than 550,000 new immigrants from select countries.

Since that announcement, President Biden and the Administration have worked with TRP to launch Chicago's first work authorization clinic. The clinics will be staffed by attorneys from TRP and 20 partner organizations, as well as U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and provide a one-stop-shop of services for 300 clients daily until all eligible migrants in Chicago have applied.

While we applaud the President's recent actions, we continue to ask the administration to extend work authorization to long-term immigrants.

**Selected Press Coverage:**

[NBC News](#)

[WTTW Chicago – Latino Voices](#)

[Univision Vix](#)

To view extended media coverage and highlights of these efforts, click [here](#).



## **INVEST IN KIDS**

Since 2017, Illinois enacted the Invest In Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program. This program offers an income tax credit to individuals and businesses that contribute to

qualified Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) and then provide scholarships to students with families with limited resources. Father Brendan Curran, families, students, and advocates traveled to Springfield throughout the year to meet with state legislators in hopes that as the 2023 veto session ended, they would approve the continuance of this essential program.

The General Assembly decided against investing in kids.

There were enough legislators who were prepared to vote for a compromise to extend the program to give working families with limited resources a path for their child to be a model leader in our state. Unfortunately, more than 9,500 families' dreams have been shattered because of the leadership in the General Assembly's political negligence in not calling for a vote on this program.

The fight for our kids continues!

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## PROPERTY TAX APPEALS

TRP's Full Circle Homes (FCH) program ensures households have the resources and support to purchase and stay in their homes long-term, and TRP's Financial Wellness team has been working with the Cook County Assessor's Office and the Cook County Board of Review to assist residents in lowering their property taxes.

Throughout the year the team has served 675 homeowners, completed 306 Certificate of Errors, filed for 369 appeals (199 with the Cook County Assessor and 170 with the Cook County Board of Review), and has saved homeowners a total of \$235,499.92.

Our team of housing experts is currently processing property tax appeals for residents of Lake Township (Archer Heights, Ashburn, Auburn Gresham, Back of the Yards/New City, Brighton Park, Chicago Lawn/West Lawn, Englewood/West Englewood, Gage Park, Garfield Ridge, McKinley Park, and West Elsdon.)

Click [here](#) to learn more about how property taxes are assessed in Chicago.



## RECLAIMING CHICAGO

Congratulations **Guacolda Reyes**, Chief Real Estate Development Officer at **The Resurrection Project**, for leading a very important conversation on defining steps to success for the Reclaiming Chicago campaign on October 3 at City Club Chicago, alongside **Richard Townsell**, Executive Director of the Lawndale Christian Development, **Imelda Salazar**, Organizer with the Southwest Organizing Project, and **Rev. James T. Meeks**, President and CEO of the Hope Center Foundation. The conversation highlighted these partnerships that have improved Brown and Black communities for generations to come. [Click here to view the full conversation.](#)

TRP is a proud partner of [United Power for Action and Justice](#), whose combined efforts lead the Reclaiming Chicago campaign to build 1,000 new homes on the Westside and 1,000 new homes on the Southside of Chicago.

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## ELLAS

On October 1, 2023, more than 200 people attended the annual ELLAS breast cancer walk-a-thon and raised nearly \$7,000. It is through partnerships and community that ELLAS can continue its mission to improve the quality of life for cancer survivors. ELLAS has created a space for women where they can find moral support, resources for their recovery and return to everyday life through education, patient navigation, political advocacy, and leadership development.

[Click here to learn more about ELLAS' impact and resources.](#)

[Click here to view the Walk-a-Thon photo album.](#)

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## DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY - PILSEN CAMPUS

In August 2023, TRP announced its partnership with Dominican University in the reopening of La Casa student dormitory. [\(Click here to read the full announcement.\)](#) Dominican University, based in River Forest, will expand its campus and programs into Pilsen at La Casa housing at 1805 S. Paulina and La Casa Resource Center at 1815 S. Paulina.

This unique city immersion campus will offer expanded educational opportunities to the surrounding communities and address the inequities in access to higher education. For more information about Dominican University and the new campus in Pilsen, click [here](#).

## THANKSGIVING - OFFICE HOURS

**Wednesday, November 22, 2023**, TRP offices will close at 1:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 23, 2023**, TRP offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Day

**Friday, November 24, 2023**, TRP offices will be closed the day after Thanksgiving

**Monday, November 27, 2023**, TRP offices will resume regular business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

## SAVE THE DATE - HOPE GALA 2024

**HOPE**  
FAMILY SERVICES

**NOCHE**  
*de Gala*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**Event Tickets - \$100**  
Raffle Tickets - \$5 EACH  
*\*Need not be present to win*

**NIKO'S BANQUET HALL**  
7600 S. Harlem Avenue  
Bridgeview, IL 60455

**OPEN BAR, DINNER, AND ENTERTAINMENT**  
**MUSIC BY: DJ AZTEKA**

**Ticket pick-up information: 1914 S. ASHLAND AVENUE**  
312-421-7647

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## PROVIDING RESOURCES TO THE COMMUNITY

TRP works with partners to provide resources to residents in Pilsen, Little Village, Back of the Yards, Brighton Park, and McKinley Park, with programs like [ELLAS](#), a breast cancer support group; [HOPE](#) Family Services provides resources and services aimed at addressing and preventing domestic violence, **HEALTHY CHICAGO EQUITY ZONE (HCEZ)** is an initiative of TRP and partners with residents and organizations to increase mental health resources in the McKinley Park neighborhood, and **CHICAGO COMMUNITY HEALTH RESPONSE CORP. (CCHRC)** an initiative of TRP that 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.

Click [here](#) to view the team in action with the community.

## IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

### PARTNER RESOURCE REPORT

In September 2023, the [Workforce and Organizational Research Center \(WORC\)](#) and The Resurrection Project (TRP) released the 2023 report, “Improving Recruitment & Reducing Turnover in Illinois’ Immigrant-Serving Organizations.” Click [here](#) to review the report.

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## 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



## NEW CONSTRUCTION HOMES

COMING TO BACK OF THE YARDS!



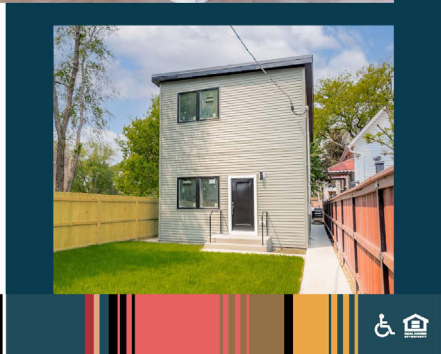
### KEY FEATURES

- »» Energy Efficient home
- »» Smart features
- »» 2 Bedrooms
- »» 1.5 Baths
- »» 1,600 SF



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*\$20k in downpayment assistance available.  
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## NEW HOMES COMING TO BACK OF THE YARDS!

New modular and traditional frame homes are being built in Back of the Yards!

Email to Erica Esquivel to schedule a tour! [Eesquivel@resurrectionproject.org](mailto:Eesquivel@resurrectionproject.org).

## ONE-STOP SHOP TO HOMEOWNERSHIP

Full Circle Homes (FCH), an initiative of TRP, aims to make homeownership accessible to all. FCH experts will guide you through the home-buying process and support you before and after your purchase to ensure peace of mind and a sound investment. Click [here](#) to learn more about our services.

### Additional resources:

Homebuyers looking for a homebuyer certificate, click [here](#) for more information.



## TRP LENDING

Don't fall behind on home projects! 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.

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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 Lake Township. Come and meet with our team of housing experts for assistance to submit your property tax appeal!

Appeals accepted for: Archer Heights, Ashburn, Auburn Gresham, Back of the Yards/New City, Brighton Park, Chicago Lawn/West Lawn, Clearing, Englewood/West Englewood, Cage Park, Garfield Ridge, McKinley Park, West Elsdon

**DON'T WAIT! THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR TAX APPEAL IS DECEMBER 5, 2023**

**CASA HIDALGO, 4600 S. WOOD STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60608**

» WEDNESDAYS FROM 10:00AM - 7:00PM

*Closed from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for lunch*

Bring your most recent property tax bill and your ID.

**WALK-INS WELCOME!**

**OR TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT CALL, 312-666-1323**

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[www.resurrectionproject.org](http://www.resurrectionproject.org)

## FREE FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION



Are you or someone you know interested in buying a home but don't know where to begin?  
Does your credit need some work?  
Do you need financial advice?

### WE CAN HELP YOU!

**WEDNESDAYS**  
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED



According to a study conducted by the Federal Trade Commission, one in five people have an error on their credit report.

### WE OFFER

- Free Credit Report
- Credit Analysis
- Spending Plan Analysis
- Personal Action Plan

» Come visit us at:  
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Chicago, IL 60609

**CALL US AT 312-880-1137**

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Thank you to **Crane Charitable Funds** for your donation and for sharing the same vision towards our mission of building relationships and creating healthier communities.

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**“I support The Resurrection Project (TRP) because I believe in communities. People need connection, a sense of belonging and an opportunity to thrive. TRP provides that and more for the people it serves. We all care about Chicago. Supporting TRP is a concrete way to help a thriving community within the City flourish.”**



**Hillary Ebach**  
Board of Directors -TRP



**#GIVINGTUESDAY**



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## **GIVING TUESDAY**

TRP builds trusting relationships to educate and propel individuals, families, and immigrants to achieve their social and economic aspirations, stable homes, and equitable participation in their community.

[Click here to make your gift to TRP today.](#)

### **IN THE NEWS**

#### **WORK PERMITS FOR ALL – HERE TO WORK CAMPAIGN**

Click [here](#) to view extended coverage of these efforts through the following media outlets: Univision Network and Chicago, Telemundo Network and Chicago, La Raza, ABC

Chicago, NBC Chicago, CBS 2 Chicago, WGN, WTTW Chicago, FOX Chicago, WBBM Newsradio, WBEZ, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, The Times Weekly, Daily Caller, Yahoo News, Block Club Chicago, AP News.

**Juanita Arroyo, Community Health Advocate at The Resurrection Project**, spoke with WGN's Adelante Chicago host, Lourdes Duarte on the services and resources provided by ELLAS, an initiative of TRP. Click [here](#) to view the full interview.

On **October 1, 2023**, more than 200 people attended the **Annual ELLAS Breast Cancer Walk-a-Thon** that took place at Harrison Park. Click on the links to view interviews by [Telemundo Chicago](#) and [CBS 2 Chicago](#). To learn more about ELLAS's impact on the community, click [here](#).

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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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