



AROUND TRP

monthly highlights

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2024

A Message from our CEO Raul I. Raymundo

In honor of Black History Month, TRP would like to highlight our partnership with Black Chicago for strengthening our work in fostering financial well-being, expanding access to legal services, and creating affordable housing.

Our partners include Seeway Bank, through the [Self-Help Federal Credit Union](#), which works to financially empower the South Side. The Westside Justice Center envisions a fair and equitable system of justice through [Illinois Access to Justice](#), and [United Power for Action and Justice](#) works toward building more affordable housing in the Southwest and West sides of the city. We are grateful for their dedication and will continue to work together to uplift and create healthier Black and Brown communities in Chicago.

We have so much to celebrate as we look forward to a new season. In honor of Women's History Month, I would like to congratulate two women on our staff who have received significant awards: Araceli Lucio, Community Health Advocate, and Erica Esquivel, Managing Broker.

Araceli will receive the [Access to Health Impact Award](#) from the Chicago Foundation for Women for her work providing outreach and healthcare access to underserved Latinas experiencing or having survived breast cancer. Erica has won the Top Producer Award from the Chicago Association of Realtors for her work in outstanding listing and selling accomplishments in Chicago's Back of the Yard neighborhood. ¡Enhorabuena Araceli and Erica! Thank you for your dedication and commitment to advancing TRP's mission.

Please take a moment to dive into this month's newsletter, which provides updates on our workshops for new arrivals, the Work Permits for All campaign, and celebrating Casa Durango's first year of operation.

As a TRP supporter, I hope you will take as much pride as I do in celebrating these partnerships and achievements. Today, you can double your generosity. An individual donor will match every dollar donated to TRP. Please donate [here](#).

In partnership,

Raul

TRP HIGHLIGHTS

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RAUL RAYMUNDO – 2024 LINCOLN LAUREATE

Congratulations! The Resurrection Project is excited to share that Raul I. Raymundo, CEO and Co-Founder of The Resurrection Project, will be honored as a 2024 Lincoln Laureate, as announced by Illinois Governor [JB Pritzker](#). Laureates receive The Order of Lincoln, Illinois' highest award for professional achievement and public service. Thank you to [The Lincoln Academy of Illinois](#)!

Click here for the announcement: <https://lnkd.in/gtTZ-92t>

CONGRATULATIONS!



RAUL I. RAYMUNDO
CEO and Co-Founder of
The Resurrection Project

For being selected to receive **The Order of Lincoln**, the state's highest honor for professional achievement and public service.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER CHUCK DAHM!

On March 3, 2024, the staff of HOPE Family Services at The Resurrection Project attended the Brunch Benefit Gala of the **Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach (ACDVO)**. The fundraising event gathered 210 supporters from various Catholic parishes working to raise awareness about domestic violence, connect victims to services, and promote prevention. HOPE is a longtime collaborator of ACDVO, often facilitating presentations about domestic violence in churches and responding to referrals for counseling services. Among the attendees of the Gala was a survivor and participant of HOPE Family Services who shared her story of abuse and journey towards healing.

Attendees congratulated **Fr. Chuck Dahm**, O.P., Director of ACDVO and chair of The Resurrection Project Board of Directors, on his 87th birthday.

See ACDVO's website for more information: www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org.



DIVERSE DEVELOPER INITIATIVE AWARDEE

TRP is proud to be a recipient of the [Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago](#) Diverse Developer Initiative. This award will help TRP develop more housing for working families in southwest Chicago. Thank you to [First Eagle Bank](#) for their nomination and partnership!



ACCESS TO HEALTH IMPACT AWARD

TRP is proud to announce that the Chicago Foundation for Women is honoring [Araceli Lucio](#), **ELLAS Founder and Community Health Advocate Coordinator**. Araceli is being recognized for her work in improving women's access to health information and services. The celebration will be held on **Wednesday, March 20**, at the Harold Washington Library's Winter Garden.

Click here to learn more about the 2024 Impact Awards and fellow honorees: <https://bit.ly/4bW7oWs>

An initiative of TRP, ELLAS (En La Lucha a Sobrevivir/ In the Fight to Survive) builds a community for breast cancer survivors and those undergoing treatment through a network of trained Health Promoters who are also breast cancer survivors. For more than a decade, ELLAS has improved the quality of life for cancer survivors and advocates to bridge the health gap for uninsured and undocumented women diagnosed with breast cancer.

Click here to learn more about ELLAS and TRP: <https://bit.ly/47rw6Lb>.

CONGRATULATIONS!



ARACELI LUCIO

ELLAS Founder and
Community Health
Advocate Coordinator at
The Resurrection Project

For being selected to receive the Chicago Foundation for
Women's 2024 Access to Health Impact Award.



CHICAGO ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS SALES AWARD

Congratulations, Erica! TRP is proud to announce that **Erica Esquivel, Managing Real Estate Broker at The Resurrection Project**, is being honored by the Chicago Association of Realtors. Erica is being recognized for her work in outstanding listing and selling accomplishments in Chicago's Back of the Yards neighborhood. The annual Sales Awards Recognition will be held on **Thursday, April 18**, at the Aragon Ballroom.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the event and the Chicago Association of Realtors.

CONGRATULATIONS!



ERICA ESQUIVEL
Managing Broker at
The Resurrection Project

For being selected to receive the
2023 Chicago Association of Realtors Sales Award.



HOPE'S ANNUAL GALA

HOPE is a program at TRP that strengthens families and builds healthy communities by providing services for personal enrichment, healthy marriages, and peaceful family life. It provides individual counseling, support groups, and workshops to develop personal skills and share resources.

On February 10, HOPE held its annual gala for program participants and long-time supporters. The event was held at Nikos Banquets and music by DJ Azteka entertained nearly 350 guests.

Through HOPE's program, participants have the time and space to identify and share common values, improve communication skills, resolve disagreements and conflicts respectfully, and work together to build communities of peace, justice, and love.

Click [here](#) to learn more about domestic violence prevention and intervention, support for fathers and mothers, and individual and family counseling.

If you need immediate support or assistance, click [here](#) to chat live with the domestic violence hotline.



WORK PERMITS FOR ALL

Congratulations, Eré! [Eréndira \(Ere\) Rendón](#), Vice President of Immigrant Justice at The Resurrection Project, spoke with [Crain's Chicago Business](#) reporter [Judith Crown](#) about equity and how “Chicago’s migrant crisis raises questions of equity.” Click here to learn more about TRP’s advocacy for work permits for all, including long-term immigrants and new migrants: <https://bit.ly/4bHkKWf>.

Want to get involved? Click [here](#) to learn more about Parole, the state bill, and how you can get involved in advocating for undocumented immigrants.

IMMIGRATION APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

TRP concluded the first phase of the centralized immigration application workshops for new arrivals. Since November 2023, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has processed 3,428 applications through our workshops. Click here to read about our advocacy and services: <https://lnkd.in/gkB3R96M>.

[Click here to volunteer!](#)

CONTEXTUALIZING THE MIGRANT NARRATIVE

[Eréndira \(Ere\) Rendón](#), Vice President of Immigrant Justice at The Resurrection Project, co-hosted with the Latino Policy Forum, Alianza Americas, Center for Immigrant Progress, and the National Immigrant Justice Center in a three-part series that discussed the root causes of migration to the United States, the response of the City of Chicago and the local community network and addressing the historical tensions between marginalized groups in Chicago. Click here to view [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), and [Part 3](#).

TRP ANNOUNCES FINANCIAL WELLNESS WEBINARS

TRP is proud to announce free monthly webinars that elevate your financial well-being with savvy money management tips and budget tools. These webinars are available to the public through TRP's Full Circle Homes.

[Click here to join the next webinar.](#)

[Click here to view previous webinars.](#)

CELEBRATION AT CASA DURANGO

Pilsen residents celebrate calling Casa Durango their new home one year later. TRP is an experienced real estate developer who has created and preserved 1,090 units of affordable housing across 323 properties and has leveraged more than \$820 million in community reinvestment from an initial seed capital of \$30,000 over 30 years.

Through resident engagement and support from community partners, we continue to work toward affordable housing and balanced development in Pilsen. Click here to read more about Casa Durango: <https://bit.ly/3UTldyH>.



INVEST IN KIDS

TRP continues to advocate for equal education for all students in Illinois. The Invest in Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program has supported more than 164 students at schools, with more than \$800,000 in scholarships awarded to mostly Latino working families. We continue to partner with parents to advocate for their families and lawmakers in Springfield. The time is now for our state elected officials to renew the program this Spring to avoid further school closures.

GOOD FRIDAY – OFFICE HOURS

Thursday, March 28, TRP offices will close at 1:00 p.m.

Friday, Friday, March 29, TRP offices will be closed for Good Friday.

Monday, April 1, TRP offices will resume regular business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

PROVIDING RESOURCES TO THE COMMUNITY

The HEALTHY CHICAGO EQUITY ZONE (HCEZ) is an initiative of TRP and partners with residents and organizations to increase mental health resources in the Pilsen, McKinley Park, and Back of the Yards. The health navigators have assisted in community outreach events and resource fairs. The team has partnered with Alderwoman Julia Ramirez, McKinley Park Library, Blessed Sacrament School, San Miguel School, Fulton Elementary, and Seward Academy.

The CHICAGO COMMUNITY HEALTH RESPONSE CORP. (CCHRC) is 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. The team presented to Chavez Elementary, Walsh Elementary and Fulton Elementary about anti-bullying, conducted CPR classes at Perez Elementary, and the team distributed Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits at the Pilsen Food Pantry and St. Pius.

FULL CIRCLE HOMES

NEW CONSTRUCTION HOMES

COMING TO
BACK OF THE YARDS!



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- »» Energy Efficient home
 - »» Smart features
 - »» 2 Bedrooms
 - »» 1.5 Baths
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*\$20k in downpayment assistance available.
Income restrictions apply



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.

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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EVENTS

We are now in an election month; mark your calendars for March 19. Even better, if you'd like to mail in a ballot, make sure to do so by March 18. Let's secure these votes!

#ILLatinoAgenda #ILA #GOAV #GetOutAndVote

GET OUT AND VOTE!

Make Your Voice Heard!



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**WORK PERMITS
FOR ALL!**

**THE PRESIDENT HAS THE AUTHORITY TO GIVE WORK PERMITS TO ALL 11 MILLION LONG-TERM UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS IN THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL.
THIS WOULD ALLOW UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS, INCLUDING DREAMERS WITHOUT DACA, TO WORK LEGALLY AND PROTECT THEM FROM DEPORTATION WHILE WE FIGHT FOR COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM.**

WORK PERMITS

FOR ALL

RALLY SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2 PM
FEDERAL PLAZA
W ADAMS & S DEARBORN



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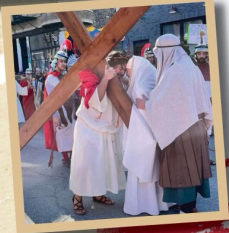
PILSEN VIA CRUCIS LIVING WAY OF THE CROSS

Living Way of the Cross Procession

Good Friday
MARCH 29

2024

Begins at **Providence of God Church**
with the Reenactment of the Last Supper, 9:00 a.m.
Followed by solemn procession down 18th St
Crucifixion Reenactment approximately at 10:30 a.m.
at Harrison Park, 1824 S Wood St., Chicago, IL.
Closing prayer and reflection to follow
at **St. Pius Church**
1919 S Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL



Pilsen Via Crucis: Living Way of the Cross

If you would like to participate,
Practices begin Friday,
February 16, 2024
at Providence of God Church
717 W 18th St., Chicago, IL
at 7:00 p.m.



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Information Session: Update Your Resume

Thursday, March 21 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM

📍 1514 E. 63rd Street, Chicago, IL

Attend this workshop to upgrade your construction resume!

- ✓ Upgrade your construction base resume
- ✓ Develop a construction resume template
- ✓ Gain helpful resume writing tips

RSVP Information: Contact Tracy Gary at
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www.lakesidealliance.com/events

Hiring Fair

For Regional Residents and New Arrivals



Tuesday, March 19
10 AM – 2 PM
Malcolm X College, Conference
Rooms
1900 West Jackson Blvd,
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Employment opportunities available in:

Healthcare

Manufacturing

Transportation,
Distribution,
and Logistics

Education

Hospitality



REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
ChicookWorks.org/R-Fair

IN THE NEWS

[Eréndira \(Ere\) Rendón](#), Vice President of Immigrant Justice at The Resurrection Project, spoke with [Crain's Chicago Business](#) reporter [Judith Crown](#) about equity and how “Chicago’s migrant crisis raises questions of equity.” Click here for the full article: <https://bit.ly/4bHkKWf>

The Resurrection Project was mentioned in the Chicago Tribune’s article, “Looking for work, migrants turn to street vending.” Read the full story [here](#).

The Resurrection Project was mentioned in the NewsNation article, “We need a chance: Migrants willing but unable to work.” Read the full story [here](#).

Erica Esquivel, Managing Broker at The Resurrection Project, spoke with Univision Chicago's host **Enrique Rodriguez** about resources available for homeownership. Click [here](#) to view the interview.

The Resurrection Project was mentioned in ABC Chicago's newscast highlighting the candlelight vigil held on February 7. Click [here](#) to view the clip.

[Oswaldo Gomez](#), **Senior Program Manager at The Resurrection Project**, spoke with [Univision Chicag](#) about the resources being offered to help recently arrived migrants with their work permit, TPS, asylum, or whatever they qualify for. <http://uni.vi/Ty21105eQ2N>

[Fr. Brendan Curran, O.P.](#), Community Organizer from TRP, states, "(an announcement) in Cicero that announcing the closures of schools affects everyone, not just private schools but public schools, it's an alert for us and we are worried that we will continue to receive sad news." This is a result of the Invest In Kids Scholarships, which helped fund schools such as St. Frances of Rome and St. Odilo. For the full story: <https://bit.ly/4bjZ0zv>

Ere Rendon, Vice President of Immigrant Justice at The Resurrection Project, spoke with CBS Chicago reporter **Sabrina Franza** regarding the lengthy and challenging process migrants have to go through when applying for work permits. Click here to view the full: interview <https://cbsn.ws/3SrOhuy>

[Fr. Brendan Curran, O.P.](#), **Community Organizer at The Resurrection Project**, spoke with [WTTW/Chicago PBS's](#) Latino Voices host [Joanna Hernandez](#) on the importance of investing in our children's education through scholarship opportunities like Invest In Kids. The future of education for Brown and Black students has reached a critical point. Click here for the full discussion: <https://bit.ly/3S6yTU4>

Laura Mendoza, Community Organizer with The Resurrection Project, spoke with Univision Chicago about the delays with renewing work permits for those who have DACA. Click here to view the interview: <https://bit.ly/497s9MI>

In response to the Archdiocese of Chicago announcing the closure of two Catholic schools, it shows the impact the Tax Credit Scholarship had in helping Catholic and private schools. [Fr. Brendan Curran, O.P.](#) at TRP stated, "Black, Brown alike, we are all getting these resources. We need to get back to the table. We can't have more tragic stories like Saint Frances of Rome and Saint Odilo. Let's get it done. Let's get this program back." Click here to view the interview: <https://abc7.ws/4bbyGaG>

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