



# AROUND TRP

monthly highlights

APRIL 2024

## TRP HIGHLIGHTS

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## RAUL RAYMUNDO IS A LINCOLN LAUREATE!

TRP is proud to share that Raul Raymundo, CEO and Co-Founder of The Resurrection Project (TRP), was inducted as a Laureate of the Order of Lincoln on April 13. Presented by Governor JB Pritzker, this honor is known as ‘the state’s highest award’ and is presented to “individuals whose dedication to the principles of public service inspire all Illinoisans”. Raul received this honor alongside six other extraordinary Illinoisans, including Evelyn Brandt Thomas, Lewis Collens, Hon. Rita B. Garman, Alison Krauss, Lester H. McKeever, Jr., and James H. Thome.

Raul was honored to be introduced by longtime friend, collaborator, and community leader Ric Estrada of Metropolitan Family Services, who reflected that as “a mentor to many leaders across the city of Chicago and the state of Illinois, (Raul) continues to channel his energy into transformative solutions for change, strengthening opportunities for working class immigrant families.”

As Raul accepted the award, he reflected on the many people who were and are instrumental in his life and deserve a piece of this award – **his family, parents, partners, supporters, and TRP staff.**

[Click here to watch Raul’s acceptance remarks.](#)

Click [here](#) to view the full photo album.

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## ERE RENDON IS FEATURED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES!

[Eréndira \(Ere\) Rendón](#), vice president of Immigrant Justice, spoke with New York Times reporters [Miriam Jordan](#) and [Lydia DePillis](#), calling on the Biden Administration to extend work permits for all long-term undocumented residents.

Ere is an influential leader who champions the voices of undocumented immigrants. She leads with passion, character, and commitment for TRP's local and state-wide campaigns that will positively impact the lives of immigrants.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

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## EXTEND WORK PERMITS FOR ALL TO JUMPSTART THE ECONOMY

**Raul I. Raymundo**, CEO and Co-founder of The Resurrection Project, and **Sylvia Puente**, CEO of the Latino Policy Forum, have published an Op-Ed in the Chicago Sun-Times, emphasizing the need to extend work permits for all. They argue that this is crucial for addressing labor shortages, unfair wages, and the immigration status of around 500,000 undocumented residents in Illinois.

[You can read the full Op-Ed here.](#)



## IMMIGRANT ADVOCATES MEET WITH CHICAGO MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON

**Mayor Brandon Johnson** recently joined a meeting with TRP, community leaders, long-term immigrants, and immigrant advocates to discuss the importance of recognizing the contributions made by Black and Brown communities. The goal is to acknowledge the significant contributions of 480,000 long-term undocumented immigrants who currently make up the workforce and contribute approximately \$1.5 billion in taxes to Illinois' economy and urge President Biden and the Administration to extend legal work permits for all undocumented.

Click here the full press release: <https://bit.ly/3JczBuJ>

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## FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

## So You Have a Collection, Now What?

Facilitators: Araceli Diaz and Angie Ortiz



"Rashad never took his eyes off the prize and he negotiated until he paid off his collections a week after meeting with me. His credit score increased by 32 points! He was also able to save and add more to his savings. He is now eligible to move forward to qualify for a mortgage."

- Sr. Financial Coach

## DEBT COLLECTION

Join us for our third webinar in our Financial Freedom Starts with Financial Education series!

THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH 2024  
NOON TO 1:00 P.M.

In the third webinar of our Financial Freedom begins with Financial Education series, we cover collections. We'll discuss what a collection is, the collection timeline, and more! Join us to learn more!

REGISTER HERE ->



## Learn about Your Finances and join our Webinar!

TRP is proud to announce free monthly webinars that elevate your financial well-being with savvy money management tips and budget tools. These free 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.](#)

## Learn about property taxes and how to appeal

Over the last three years, property values have been on the rise in Chicago, which can make it difficult for homeowners to afford their homes and may lead to displacement or foreclosure. This year, in 2024, the city of Chicago will be reassessing home values.

If you're a homeowner, we invite you to join TRP's Housing Stability team to learn more about the Cook County [triennial reassessment](#), possible exemptions, and how you can appeal your property taxes if necessary.

Attention all homeowners: it's important to note that the deadline to file for exemption savings for tax year 2024 is Monday, April 29. Please call our team at 312-666-1323 to make an appointment to review your property tax bill.

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The Sanchez family was on the verge of losing their home to foreclosure. Fortunately, they reached out to Salvador Garcia, the Housing Stability Supervisor at The Resurrection Project (TRP). By working together, they found a solution that helped them save their estate and preserve their father's house.

At TRP, we offer a free foreclosure prevention program that is designed to help families navigate through tough situations. Our team of experts is always ready to assist you with any problems you may be facing. We are committed to helping families like the Sanchez family find their dream homes and build generational wealth.

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## NEW INITIATIVE! LEARNING LABS

TRP's Immigrant Justice Leadership Academy has launched a new initiative called Learning Labs. The Labs will help nonprofits in Illinois to establish or grow their immigration clinics through a series of convenings, trainings, and peer learning.



[Click here to meet the TRP Parent Mentors at Whittier Elementary School](#)

## THE PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM

TRP's Parent Mentor program is designed to empower parents to take an active role in their children's schools and communities. Through this program, Parent Mentors can learn how to assist inside the classroom and how strong communities can create strong schools. Currently, Parent Mentors are available at schools located in Pilsen and Back of the Yards.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Chicago Public Schools (CPS) for highlighting TRP Parent Mentors at Whittier Elementary.

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## HOPE WRAPS UP FIRST YEAR OF EXPANSION IN BRIGHTON PARK

HOPE Family Services at the Resurrection Project's goal is to empower families and contribute to building healthy communities. We offer programs that promote personal growth, healthy marriages, and peaceful family life.

In 2017, we expanded our services from Pilsen to other communities such as Little Village, Cicero, West Lawn, Archer Heights, and Avondale. We deliver leadership development training and community education in various parishes located in these communities. Currently, these activities take place in three parishes: Mother of the Americas (Little Village), Our Lady of the Snows (Archer Heights), and St Nicholas of Tolentine (West Lawn).

In late 2022, our team pursued a grant opportunity from the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council (BPNC) to extend our services to low-income families in other neighborhoods with limited access to mental health services. HOPE was selected to provide free, bilingual (English/Spanish), and culturally appropriate domestic violence services to primarily serve Brighton Park residents.

In early 2023, we began offering services in Brighton Park and have now completed the first year of the BPNC grant, serving a total of 150 adults and 40 children. Through this opportunity, we have established a relationship with a fourth parish, Immaculate Conception-Five Holy Martyrs Parish. As we move into the second year of the expansion, HOPE is proud to announce that we have a solid range of direct services such as a men's group, a women's group, parenting classes, and individual counseling provided out of Immaculate Conception-Five Holy Martyrs Parish. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve families in Brighton Park and look forward to strengthening our partnerships with BPNC and Immaculate Conception-Five Holy Martyrs Parish in 2024.



[Click here to learn more about HOPE.](#)

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### PROVIDING RESOURCES TO THE COMMUNITY

**The Healthy Chicago Equity Zone (HCEZ)** is an initiative led by TRP and its partners to increase mental health resources in the neighborhoods of Pilsen, McKinley Park, and Back of the Yards. The team of health navigators has been actively involved in community outreach events and resource fairs. They have collaborated with various organizations including the Ecuadorian Consulate, Benito Juarez High School, the Instituto Progreso Latino Feria, Lindblom High School, Lara Academy in Back of the Yards, and Senior Bingo at Casa Maravilla to help achieve their goal.

((Insert Photos))

**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

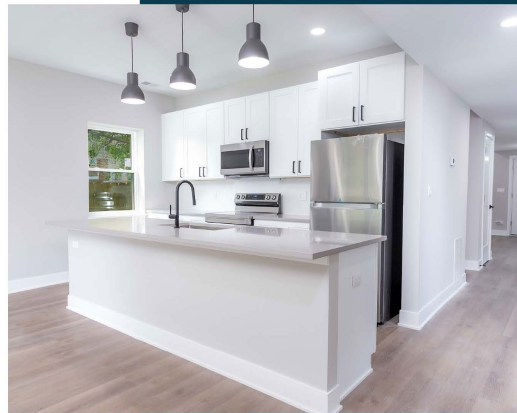
## NEW CONSTRUCTION HOMES

COMING TO  
BACK OF THE YARDS!



### KEY FEATURES

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



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www.resurrectionproject.org

*\$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](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.

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a TRP affiliate

**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

**WE OFFER**

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

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

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**EVENTS**



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# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: COLLECTIONS WORKSHOP



**SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH 2024**

10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

**LA CASA RESOURCE CENTER  
1815 S PAULINA ST. CHICAGO, IL 60608**

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TRP is proud to host Legal Action Chicago for a Know Your Rights Debt Collection Workshop. Join us and learn about the different types of debt, the debt collection timeline, and important information about your rights when it comes to debt collection.



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Contact Us: (312) 666-1323  
[homes@resurrectionproject.org](mailto:homes@resurrectionproject.org)



## WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT PROPERTY TAXES?

You deserve to know how your property taxes are set.



### PROPERTY TAX EDUCATION

TRP's Housing Stability counselors will be available to answer any questions or assist homeowners with property tax services:

- **Reassessment Analysis by providing an estimated budget plan**
- **Submit Certificate of Error for Missing Exemptions, the deadline is April 29**
- **Assist with Property Tax Appeal when township open**
- **Come and learn about the Triennial Reassessment**

#### » TUESDAY, APRIL 16

6PM - 8PM

*Bilingual*

ST PROCOPIUS

1641 S. Allport - Poder Learning Center

#### » WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

6PM - 8PM

*Bilingual*

ST PAUL BASEMENT

2127 W. 22nd Place

#### » TUESDAY, APRIL 23

6PM - 8PM

*Bilingual*

GOOD SHEPARD - RECTORY BASEMENT

2735 S. Kolin Ave.

#### » WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

6PM-8PM

*Bilingual*

MOTHER OF THE AMERICAS - RECTORY

ROOM C 2226 S. Whipple

#### » SUNDAY, APRIL 28

10AM - 12PM

*Bilingual*

ST PIUS CHURCH HALL - UNDER CHURCH

1919 S. Ashland

#### » SUNDAY, MAY 5

10AM - 2PM

*Bilingual*

ST AGNES - MANZ HALL

2658 S. Central Park

### PROPERTY TAX WORKSHOP

Assessor's office will present information on:

- **Property Tax System**
- **Triennial reassessment**
- **Exemptions**
- **Prepare homeowners for appeals**



#### » MONDAY, MAY 6

6PM - 8PM

*Spanish*

LA CASA RESOURCE CENTER 1805 S. PAULINA

w/ Assessor's Office

#### » THURSDAY, MAY 9

6PM - 8PM

*English*

LA CASA RESOURCE CENTER 1805 S. PAULINA

w/ Assessor's Office

Homeowners can schedule an appointment with a TRP HOUSING STABILITY SPECIALIST AT 312-666-1323.



## IN THE NEWS

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interview with New York Times reporter [Miriam Jordan](#) and [Lydia DePillis](#). [Click here to read the article.](#)

**Raul I. Raymundo**, CEO and Co-founder of The Resurrection Project, and **Sylvia Puente**, CEO of the [Latino Policy Forum](#), have written an Op-Ed to the Chicago Sun-Times about labor shortages, unfair wages, and the immigration status of half a million undocumented residents in Illinois. They are calling on President Biden to extend work permits for all. [Click here to read the full Op-Ed.](#)

**Laura Mendoza**, **Immigration Organizer** at The Resurrection Project spoke with WTTW's Latino Voices host Joanna Hernandez advocating for extending legal work permits for the long-term undocumented community. [Click here to view the full discussion.](#)

The Mayor of Chicago, **Brandon Johnson**, recently joined a meeting with business leaders and community partners, and advocates from across the city. The attendees included **Raul Raymundo**, who is the CEO and Co-founder of The Resurrection Project, and **Erendira Rendon**, who is the Vice President of Immigrant Justice at The Resurrection Project.

The event received media coverage, and you can find some of the highlights below. POLITICO: [Johnson to Biden: Long-term undocumented immigrants deserve work permits, too](#), April 5, 2024.

Capitol Fax (Illinois): [Today's quotable](#), Mayor Brandon Johnson is ramping up the pressure on the federal government to dole out more work permits for long-term immigrants, April 5, 2024. Duplicate: Illinois Politics, Your Illinois News Radar,

Voz Media: [Progressive Chicago mayor urges Biden to grant work permits to half a million illegal immigrants](#), April 5, 2024.

News Finale: ["Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson and Advocates Push for Equal Access to Work Permits for Undocumented Immigrants and DACA Applicants."](#) April 5, 2024.

Chicago Tribune: [Mayor Johnson to Biden: Let Chicago's long-term immigrants work](#), Rebecca Shi, executive director of the American Business Immigration Coalition, April 4, 2024. Duplicates: Yahoo, Yahoo News UK, Juanbaba, Daily Item, ArcaMax, Walla Walla Union Bulletin, News Nate

Chicago Sun-Times: [Johnson to Biden: Long-term undocumented immigrants deserve work permits, too](#), April 4, 2024.

Block Club Chicago: [Undocumented Workers Deserve Legal Work Permits. Mayor And Leaders Say](#), April 4, 2024.

WBBM News Radio Chicago: [As migrants, undocumented immigrants await work permits, Johnson again calls on Biden to act](#), April 4, 2024.

NBC Chicago 5: [Mayor Johnson pushes Biden administration for more migrant work permits](#), April 4, 2024.

CBS News Chicago: [Mayor Brandon Johnson seeks work permits for undocumented migrants](#), April 4, 2024.

ABC Chicago 7: [Advocates want work permits for all undocumented immigrants and DACA applicants, not just migrants](#), April 4, 2024. Duplicate: Yahoo

Telemundo Chicago: [Solicitan ampliar el acceso a los permisos de trabajo para recién llegados y la comunidad indocumentada en Chicago](#), April 4, 2024.

Fox News: [Chicago mayor urges Biden to grant work permits to half million illegal immigrants](#), April 4, 2024.

Head Topics: [Mayor Brandon Johnson seeks work permits for undocumented migrants](#), April 4, 2024.

Hoodline: [Chicago Mayor Urges Biden for More Immigrant Work Permits on Economic Stability Grounds](#), April 4, 2024.

Illinois in Focus: The Center Square: [Illinois coalition urges Biden to extend work permits for migrant workers](#), April 4, 2024. Duplicate: The Miami County Republic, Smoke Signals News, The Black Chronicle, Regional Media News, WRPW-FM (Normal, IL), News Bug, Citizen Tribune, The Eastern Progress, The Best Times, KNBN-TV (Rapid City, SD), Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly.

### **Work Permits for All Rally**

TRP's Immigrant Justice and the children of undocumented parents spoke with Telemundo Chicago to raise awareness and support the Work Permits For All rally. By providing work permits, we can help immigrants gain legal status, support their families, and contribute to our economy. Watch the full story here, <https://youtu.be/fuFfbyzliZk?feature=shared>

On **March 23, 2024**, TRP and more than 100 allies and advocates assembled at Chicago Federal Plaza to demand the Biden Administration for work permits for the long-term undocumented community.

The rally received media coverage, and you can find some of the highlights below.

[Activists in Chicago call on Biden administration to grant work permits for long-term undocumented workers \(msn.com\)](#)

[Undocumented workers, long in the U.S., demand same work permits granted to new arrivals \(msn.com\)](#)

[Rally in downtown Chicago calls for easier work permit process \(fox32chicago.com\)](https://www.fox32chicago.com)

[Chicago Immigration Activists Urge Biden to Expand Work Permits Beyond \(hoodline.com\)](https://www.hoodline.com)

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