

SEPTEMBER 2024

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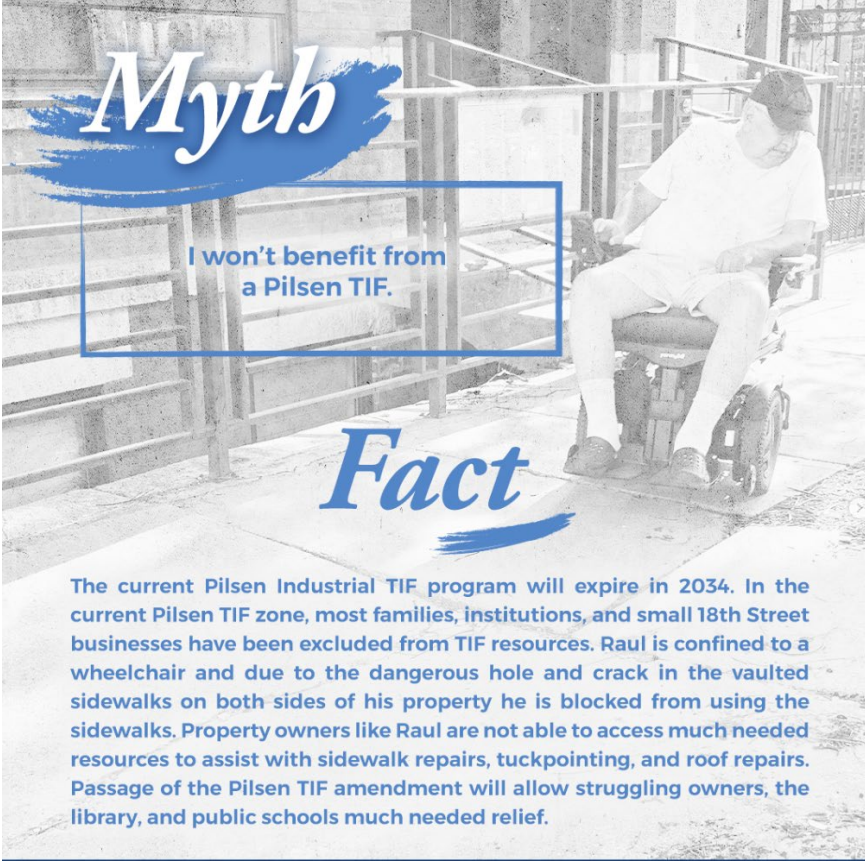
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- September 15: First day of Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 25: Join the webinar about TRP Co-Op Housing (Spanish only)
- September 25: Walk-in Wednesday at Casa Hidalgo
- September 26: Property Tax Appeal Workshop with Commissioner Alma Anaya
- September 27: Join the webinar about TRP Co-Op Housing (English only)
- [October 6: ELLAS Annual Walk-a-Thon!](#)

TRP HIGHLIGHTS

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Myth

I won't benefit from a Pilsen TIF.

Fact

The current Pilsen Industrial TIF program will expire in 2034. In the current Pilsen TIF zone, most families, institutions, and small 18th Street businesses have been excluded from TIF resources. Raul is confined to a wheelchair and due to the dangerous hole and crack in the vaulted sidewalks on both sides of his property he is blocked from using the sidewalks. Property owners like Raul are not able to access much needed resources to assist with sidewalk repairs, tuckpointing, and roof repairs. Passage of the Pilsen TIF amendment will allow struggling owners, the library, and public schools much needed relief.

#TIFMythBusting

WE SAY YES, YES TO TIF!

On September 12, 2024, The Resurrection Project joined a press conference with residents, small business owners, and community organizations to support the Pilsen Industrial Corridor Tax Increment Financing (TIF) expansion. We stand with the [Pilsen Preservation Collective](#) to urge Pilsen residents and the city council to approve the expansion for our community, which deserves these resources.

Together, we can ensure the funds directly benefit the neighborhood and its residents, paving the way to create a healthier community without displacement. This is not just about today; it's about preserving the neighborhood's character, culture, and vitality.

"The Pilsen TIF amendment will provide the necessary resources to prevent displacement and preserve the community's culture and character", said **Raul I. Raymundo, CEO and co-founder of [The Resurrection Project](#)**.

Your voice is critical for the future of our community.

This is not just about today; it's about building a better future for our community.

Click on the link to sign the petition and learn more about the Pilsen TIF amendment:
<https://bit.ly/3M405A5>

TRP's RECLAIMING BACK OF THE YARDS CAMPAIGN

TRP's *Reclaiming Back of the Yards* campaign, in partnership with United Power for Action and Justice, has entered its second phase of the Reclaiming Chicago initiative. As part of our commitment to addressing Chicago's housing affordability crisis, TRP and partners are focused on ensuring everyone has the opportunity to own a home, build equity, and create generational wealth for themselves and their families. We are working closely to eliminate barriers within housing policies to expand homeownership opportunities and support the revitalization of our neighborhoods. In our first phase we helped 17 families become homeowners and we are ready to support 27 new families achieve homeownership in the coming year.

On May 23, 2024, the Chicago City Council passed an ordinance allocating 488 vacant lots to TRP and partners of United Power for Action and Justice. This ordinance includes the North Lawndale, Roseland, and the Back of the Yards communities. The goal of Reclaiming Chicago is to rebuild, repopulate, and reclaim historically disinvested neighborhoods. We know that through homeownership, we strengthen neighborhoods, reduce crime, create jobs, and improve schools, while repairing the local housing market.

TRP has acquired 227 vacant lots in Back of the Yards and, in partnership with Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation, is deeply committed to ensuring these homes are for the people who already live and work in the community. We believe the individuals best equipped to drive positive change are those rooted in the neighborhood, contributing to its growth and future.

A key component of this effort is TRP's Full Circle Homes program, designed to empower community members to become homeowners. This comprehensive initiative offers vital support, including homebuyer education, personalized credit counseling, and a range of lending options to help local residents achieve their dream of homeownership. The program ensures that those who already live and work in Back of the Yards have the resources and opportunities to purchase one of these newly constructed homes, keeping the neighborhood's revitalization in the hands of its own people. If you're ready to take the

next step toward homeownership, would like to book a tour, or get involved within our campaign, we're here to guide you. Visit our website to get started.

IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

On August 19, thanks to the tireless organizing efforts, of the Biden-Harris Administration began accepting applications for the Keeping Families Together program opening parole-in-place (PIP) to hundreds of thousands of immigrant families across the country, including an estimated 20-30,000 in Illinois. TRP hosted 131 attendees seeking information on PIP and D3 waivers for DREAMers and completed 100 applications for PIP.

As of August 26, Judge J. Campbell Barker of Texas issued an administrative stay preventing the Department of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) from granting PIP under Keeping Families Together. The initial stay is 14 days and can be extended, and people can still submit applications.

We continue to fight for our families to stay together and encourage people to seek legal services and attend a consultation to evaluate their case and options as we and the Biden-Harris administration fight for immigrant families in court.

Follow the Work Permits for All Campaign and click [here](#) for the latest updates.

meet the class of
2025



Alejandra Campos
ARISE Chicago



Ashley Cerritos
Chicago Workers Collaborative



Benoit Houessou
AKWAABA QC



Bianca Renteria
Catholic Charities Chicago



Cecilia Ramirez
International Institute of Wisconsin



Daniel Cabrera
Spanish Community Center



Darwin Tapia
Casa Michoacán



Derrese Bezzawork
Ethiopian Community Association of Chicago



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Arab American Family Services



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Hanul Family Alliance



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The Resurrection Project



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The Immigration Project



Hernan Prieto
Chicago Irish Community Services



Jackeline Leon
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Karime Sanchez
Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors



Khalifa A. Diop
United African Organization



Lina Mohamad
Trellus



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ARISE Chicago



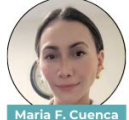
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North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic



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Casa Michoacán



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Mercil Ndahindwa
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Partners of Our Communities



Shahzel Najim
Agents of Hope Training & Information Center



COLIBRÍ FELLOWSHIP 2025

The Resurrection Project proudly presents the [2025 class of Colibrí Fellows](#), our third and largest class yet, with 26 passionate immigrant justice fellows from Illinois and Wisconsin. These individuals, with their unwavering dedication, are set to join the Colibrí Fellowship for DOJ Accreditation, a significant step towards expanding access to justice for immigrants.

The Colibrí Fellowship is the first professional fellowship for individuals seeking partial or full Department of Justice (DOJ) Accreditation to legally represent immigrants as non-attorneys. The fellowship aims to open the legal profession to immigrant communities, increase the number of legal professionals in Illinois and Wisconsin, and also to raise the number of bilingual and bicultural legal professionals.

TRP and partners, [Villanova University](#) and [DePaul University](#), support changemakers working to shape the conversation on today's critical immigration issues. The fellowship aims to uplift immigrant leadership through relationship building, professional growth, and

strengthening the capacity of community-based legal aid organizations. Of nearly 42 applications this year, 26 talented and passionate individuals were selected for the Class of 2025. The full roster of the 2025 Colibrí Fellows can be found [here](#).

[Follow the fellows on their journey via LinkedIn; like, follow, and share!](#)

TRP's SUMMER MASS IN THE ZOCALO

For nearly 35 years, TRP has celebrated mass with Pilsen as its backdrop, spreading the powerful message of peace and safety. We've empowered our neighbors to do more in the community and advocate for safety on our streets. This summer, the community held 30 masses throughout Pilsen, Little Village, and West Town, a testament to our collective commitment. The mass held on August 23 in the Zocalo welcomed nearly 400 participants, a vibrant display of our community's unity. We honored Father Charles Dahm, a figure of inspiration, in recognition of his 60 years of ministry, leadership, and unwavering support of immigrant families in our community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed partners for your unwavering support that has been instrumental in our mission to promote peace and safety in our community.

[Chicago Commons Guadalupano Family Center](#)

[Dominican University](#)

[Peter Cooper Public School,](#)

[CPS Parent University](#)

[Big Shoulders Fund](#)

[St. Pius V School](#)

[Faith Table](#)

Chicago Hope Culture Inc.

[Humanitarian Faith Initiative - HFI](#)

[MedGlobal, Catholic Financial Life](#)

Catholic Medicare Solutions

[Enrique Sandoval](#)

[Carlos Rojas de Morelos](#)

[Aracelys Bakery & Tamales](#)

[La Mejikana Restaurant Bar Pilsen Chicago](#)

[Taqueria El Milagro](#)

[Cantón Regio.](#)

Thank you to the volunteers, TRP staff, and organizers for another great event reminding us that our community's peace and safety allow us all to thrive.

We welcome you to our Facebook page, where you can view photos and videos of the

[2024 Street Mass Celebration and Back to School fair.](#)

TRP's HOUSING COOPERATIVE

Explore the possibility of new housing options in Chicago.

Housing co-ops, a familiar yet often misunderstood concept in Chicago, offer more than 7,000 affordable housing units. Consider housing co-ops as an alternative to traditional homeownership, with the expert guidance and support of The Resurrection Project. We'll help you understand and navigate the world of housing co-ops, empowering you to live in a community based on cooperative values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity, and solidarity.

TRP's mission is to build trusting relationships and propel individuals, immigrants, and families to achieve their social and economic aspirations, stable homes, and equitable participation. Housing cooperatives (co-ops) offer an alternative to traditional homeownership. They empower residents with shared ownership and responsibility in their housing community.

Click [here to](#) learn more about co-op housing by joining the conversation with **Ray Arroyo, Program Manager for Housing Cooperatives.**

UnidosUS PREMIO HOME AWARD

We are thrilled to share that The Resurrection Project has been chosen for the prestigious [UnidosUS](#) Premio HOME. The support from UnidosUS and [JPMorganChase](#) underscores their dedication to empowering local and national organizations to guide individuals and families through their homeownership journey.

Congratulations to our fellow winners: [Hacienda Community Development Corp. \(CDC\)](#), [DREAM COME TRUE BUILDING AND PROJECTS](#) (CDCB), [Mission Economic Development Agency](#), and [East LA Community Corporation](#). Together, we form an alliance, driving the expansion of homeownership and influence across our communities, and fostering the creation of intergenerational wealth.

Click on the link to learn more about this exciting announcement, <https://bit.ly/4fhboCn>



Left to Right: George Schuch, Rosita Orduno, Jose De Jesus Andrade, Mayra Chavez, Xochilt Martinez, Brenda Perez, Lydia Duarte, Nancy Gutierrez, Rick Rosales, and Mary Cruz Torres.

CHICAGO COMMUNITY HEALTH RESPONSE CORP.

In June, we thanked the entire team of the Chicago Community Health Response Corp and celebrated their hard work and efforts throughout the pandemic and until their last day. The team provided resources and workshops on contact tracing, COVID testing, vaccine outreach, wellness calls, canvassing, CPR, nutrition, and so much more throughout Pilsen, Back of the Yards, Little Village, and the Southwest Side. The Health Navigators reached more than 40,000 people in Pilsen, McKinley Park, and Back of the Yards over the last four years.

We are eternally grateful for our invaluable partnership with the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership and the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH.) Your collaboration has

been crucial in our collective efforts to serve the community. Your support and expertise have significantly enhanced our ability to make a difference.

We wish them all the best as they continue to be leaders in the community!

TRP works with partners to promote health and wellness in our communities through our Community Wellness program.

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.

COME WORK AT TRP

Come join our growing team! Click [here](#) to learn more about new opportunities.

IN THE NEWS

Gerardo Ravelo, Home Purchase Supervisor at The Resurrection Project spoke with Borderless Magazine reporter Tara Mobasher on uplifting Chicago's immigrant families through homeownership. [Click here to read the feature.](#)

Erika Ayala, Housing Navigator at The Resurrection Project spoke with Borderless Magazine reporter Martha Contreras about TRP helping her and her family become homeowners and now she helps families navigate the challenges that undocumented immigrants face to become homeowners. [Click here to read the article.](#)

FOX Chicago joined TRP's 34th Annual Street Mass, click [here](#) to review the feature.

Erendira Rendon, vice president of Immigrant Justice at The Resurrection Project joined Scripps TV's Morning Rush hosts to discuss the DNC in Chicago. Click [here](#) to view the interview.

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

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