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Hello friends and community,

TRP has been preparing immigrant communities for the second Trump administration; this is not what I wish we were doing. However, in the most challenging times, we have responded quickly, and this time is no different.

Immigrants come to the U.S. with big dreams. My parents came with big dreams, and even though we are still undocumented, they have fulfilled many of their dreams. They bought a home, they put their daughter through college, they spend weekends with family, and they feel a part of their community. My story isn't unique, so many immigrants have been able to build fulfilling and deeply connected lives. We need to help them prepare and we need to protect what they have built.

President-elect Donald Trump has made every indication that he intends to follow through with his campaign pledge to deport all undocumented immigrants beginning on day one. We could see mass deportations that will lead to the mass separation of families and all the consequences that come with family separation. This will also have an extremely negative impact on our local economy, businesses, and neighborhoods.

Ahead of the Trump administration's January 20 inauguration, TRP is launching a new campaign to expand legal services, make them easily available, and help provide access to critical information for immigrant families and their communities.

In Illinois, our immigrant communities are fortunate to have the support of the state government and many of our largest cities, including Chicago. TRP will work closely across all levels of local government and with our extensive network of non-profit community partners to support our most vulnerable community members should they be targeted or impacted by the new administration and its divisive and harmful agenda. Together, we will continue the work of uplifting the contributions and experiences of immigrants and championing immigrant justice for all.

As a central element of TRP's **Prepare and Protect Campaign**, we have launched a new website featuring a wide range of resources, including a comprehensive toolkit for immigrant families. This toolkit helps them protect their rights, prepare for emergencies, and navigate potential legal interactions with confidence and knowledge, [Know Your Rights — TRP IMMIGRANT JUSTICE](#). Additionally, we will be expanding our defense team, launching rapid response legal workshops, and organizing to increase funding for Illinois Access to Justice.

Sometimes, I'm overwhelmed with dread and sadness, but mostly, I remember how much joy our families have. I remember how, despite our status, we manage to laugh (we even laugh at it), hustle, buy homes, put our children through college, change policy, and make big things happen. Let's keep doing that!

In Partnership,

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Vice President of Immigrant Justice

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# TRP HIGHLIGHTS

## Holiday Office Closure

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday – Office closed on Monday, January 20, 2025

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## Domestic Violence Victims Get a Lifeline

The Resurrection Project's HOPE Family Services advocates for [Karina's Law \(HB4144\)](#). Along with our partners at [The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence](#) and many community partners that champion survivors of gender-based violence, this legislation clarifies and strengthens the law to require firearms to be removed from the home as part of an order of protection when granted by a judge.

On July 3, 2023, Karina and her 15-year-old daughter Daniela were shot and killed by Karina's husband, even though she had filed for an order of protection that could have protected her from the firearm.

Karina's story is tragic, but she is not alone. In recent years, we have seen several homicides committed by abusers who were subject to an order of protection and should never have had access to a firearm, including China Mitchell, Julie Elguezabal, Adriana Lopez, Maria Roque, and others. Every day, domestic violence survivors and their children face increased threats when a firearm is in the home, even after an order of protection has been issued.

When domestic violence survivors go to the legal system for protection, we must ensure that protection works. TRP is proud to be part of this important work, and through programs like HOPE that serve domestic violence survivors, this bill will support their safety when they seek protection from the legal system.

[Your support is crucial in our mission to protect domestic violence survivors. Click here to learn more about HOPE Family Services and how you can make a difference.](#)

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TRP is Reclaiming Back of the Yards

Reclaiming Back of the Yards is an ambitious campaign to build hundreds of homes in Back of the Yards on Chicago's southwest side. This initiative, strategically and at scale, will not only rebuild the neighborhood but also create jobs, housing, and safer communities, put vacant lots back on the tax rolls, and help families build wealth and equity through homeownership, significantly impacting the community.

The Resurrection Project (TRP) is at the forefront of this initiative, building new, single-family homes on previously vacant lots in partnership with United Power for Action and Justice and with catalytic support from JPMorgan Chase. These homes are a testament to our unwavering commitment to inclusivity and community growth.

TRP and partners are addressing Chicago's housing affordability crisis by ensuring everyone has the opportunity to own a home, build equity, and create generational wealth for themselves and their families.

**We are ready to support 27 new families to achieve homeownership in 2025.**

TRP's Full Circle Homes program is designed to empower community members to become homeowners by showing them it is attainable. This comprehensive initiative offers vital support, including homebuyer education, personalized credit counseling, professional realty services, and a range of lending options to help 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 affordable and newly constructed homes, keeping the neighborhood's revitalization in the hands of its own residents.

**If you're ready to take the next step toward homeownership, would like to book a tour, or get involved with our campaign, we're here to guide you. Click [here](#) or call us to get started at 312-666-1323.**

### **Media Highlights**

- [Click here to read more about our efforts featured in the Chicago Sun-Times.](#)
- [Click here to view FOX Chicago's feature on Back of the Yards.](#)



## TRP HOUSING HIGHLIGHTS

*TRP's Affordable Housing Options through rental apartments, homes for sale, and co-op living.*

### COMING SOON! TRP Rental Apartments

TRP is excited to announce that the inquiry list for available apartments in all TRP developments will soon be open. Stay connected by following us on social media or visiting our website for the latest updates.







## TRP REALTY

TRP's Managing Brokers are experts who 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. Contact [Erica Esquivel](#) to schedule a home tour.

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## 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.

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

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## TRP's Financial Wellness and Lending Options

At TRP, we understand the stress that debt can bring. That's why we're here to help. Our

responsibility is to support families so they can make financially sound decisions and achieve financial security. We offer financial wellness workshops and services to help you reach your goals.

[Click here](#) to make an appointment with one of our financial counselors. They'll guide you to improve and build your credit, reduce debt to purchase a new home, file for a property tax assessment, and avoid foreclosure. Let us help you find relief from financial stress.

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# UP TO \$60,000

## PURCHASE ASSISTANCE

FOR SHARED EQUITY HOMEOWNERSHIP

### PROGRAM

The Shared Equity Investment Program Purchase Price Assistance (SEIP) expands opportunities for shared equity homeownership by providing up to \$60,000 in purchase assistance to buyers purchasing:

- Housing Cooperative Unit
- Community Land Trust Property (CLT)
- Deed-Restricted Property

### GUIDELINES

- Property must be a Housing Cooperative Unit, Community Land Trust Unit, or a Deed-restricted affordable unit
- Income restrictions apply
- Must have an executed contract and lender pre-approval
- Property must be in Chicago
- Must complete an 8-hour HUD-approved homebuyer education class
- Landlord Certificate for 2-4 Flats



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# HOME SAVVY

## HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN

Now available in the following community areas:  
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Brighton Park, Chicago Lawn, Englewood, Lower  
West Side, Gage Park, McKinley Park, New City,  
North Lawndale, South Lawndale, West Englewood,  
West Elston, West Lawn.

»» To apply, or for more information visit our website:

[resurrectionproject.org/home-improvement-loans](http://resurrectionproject.org/home-improvement-loans)  
or call 312-666-1323

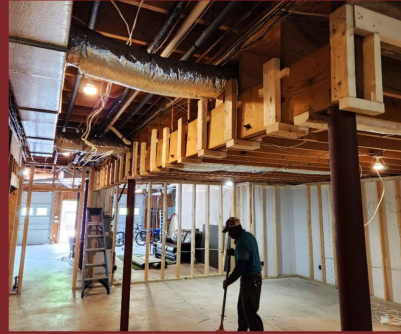


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## EVENTS

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## IN THE NEWS

- <https://www.chicagotribune.com/2025/01/15/donald-trump-mass-deportations-chicago/>
- [Pilsen Bar Caminos De Michoacan Should Shut Down Or Improve After Deadly Shootout, Neighbors Say](#)
- [The migrants who face becoming political pawns again](#)
- [Caisson permit issued for Casa Yucatan | Urbanize Chicago](#)

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