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A Message from the CEO

Dear friends,

These past few weeks have been a whirlwind of activity and resilience. As a result of anticipated federal policy changes, especially around immigration and federal funding, we are not panicking or overreacting. We are calmly responding with facts, information, and support.

The success of our work and that of our partners has even garnered the attention of [John Oliver](#), host of HBO's show Last Week Tonight, who highlighted our coordinated response and good advice when encountering Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Help us spread the word by accessing immigration resources [here](#).

This month, we celebrate the legacy of [Black History](#) in the United States and are reminded that progress is often born out of struggle. Last year alone, TRP impacted more than **60,000** individuals through outreach, education, and services in immigration, housing, financial and community wellness. We affirm that leadership and strength are found in diversity of thought, skills, and people. Our remarkable reach would be impossible without our diverse network of partners. We're grateful to all our partners for standing with us as we continue to work on behalf of all communities across our city.

It is continued advocacy in the public interest that spurs action, and so we're proud to highlight the expansion of our Colibri Fellowship program to the state of Oregon! Colibri expands the field of legal services for non-attorneys and creates career pathways for people to pursue legal careers in the community. You can learn more [here](#).

Collaboration with a diverse network of partners at the neighborhood, city, state, and national levels helps inspire our most vulnerable community members to action and contribute to this nation's social fabric and the economy.

In partnership,

Raul Raymundo

Immigrant-serving organizations like The Resurrection Project are working around the clock to support and inform immigrant communities.

If you're looking for ways to support and help immigrants now:

- Get informed and visit www.trpij.org

- Share resources and follow our social media channels [@resurrectionproject](#) on all platforms.
- [Donate](#) to TRP.

TRP HIGHLIGHTS

Immigrant Justice - Know Your Rights!

The last few weeks have been intense, and our community has stepped up in incredible ways. Over the past month, The Resurrection Project has provided over one million people access to **Know Your Rights** resources through in-person workshops, online outreach, and our website, trpimmigrantjustice.org.

All of this has been highly impactful as underscored in the recent article in [The Guardian](#), showcasing how our community can stay in control by practicing our proven strategy to **be prepared and protected**.

For trusted updates to protect your community, sign up for TRP's Immigrant Justice Newsletter trpimmigrantjustice.org and our social media channels for real-time updates.

Financial Safety for Immigrants

Many immigrant families work tirelessly to build their lives and assets. Still, recent threats to family stability and security have created fear and confusion—especially around how to protect homes, cars, bank accounts, and life savings.

To help navigate these challenges, the Weekly Immigration Update on Facebook Live focused on financial wellness and asset protection for immigrants in the U.S.

Laura Mendoza, Lead Trainer, and **Lizette Carretero**, Director of Financial Wellness at

TRP, shared crucial insights, debunked common misconceptions, and provided actionable steps to safeguard your financial future.



[Click here to watch full conversation.](#)

Join Us for the Next Immigration Update

When: Friday, February 18 @ 4:00 PM CST

Where: Facebook & Instagram Live

Topic: Resources from the Mexican Consulate

Explore our website and follow our social channels for [Know Your Rights](#) and [legal assistance](#) information, answers to your [FAQs](#), and more.

HOPE Hosts Annual Celebration

On February 8, HOPE held its annual celebration for program participants and long-time supporters. The event was held at Nikos Banquets and music by DJ Persist entertained nearly 350 guests.

HOPE Family Services at TRP 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.

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.

[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.](#)

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

Congratulations, Lilia Escobar!



We are thrilled to announce that [Lilia Escobar](#), Capacity Building Program Manager at The Resurrection Project, has been selected to participate in the Multicultural Leadership Academy 2025 Cohort. This year's group joins a strong network of change-makers driving positive impact across Illinois.

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

Reclaiming Back of the Yards

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 28 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.

Recent Features:

[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.](#)

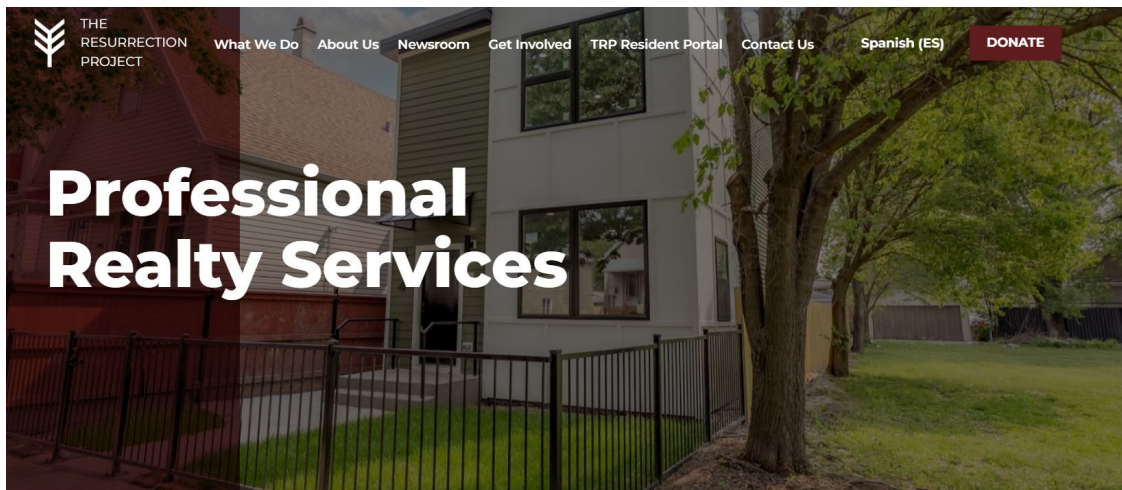
TRP HOUSING HIGHLIGHTS

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.

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.



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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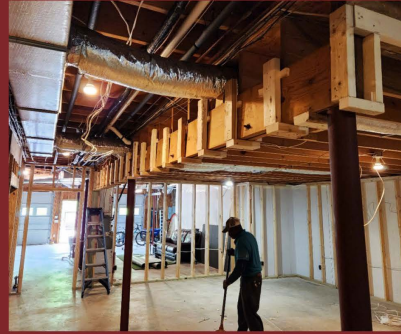


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WALK-IN WEDNESDAY'S

FREE FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT FOR HOMEOWNERSHIP



Preparing for homeownership takes time and commitment. We recognize everyone's path is different, and our goal is to work with you on an individual plan to help you become a homeowner.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

Financial Assessment

- Review your income
- Credit score and history
- Prequalification estimate

Personalized Guidance

- Steps to improve your financial health
- Timeline it will take to become mortgage eligible
- Monthly check-ins on progress

BRING AN ID AND MOST RECENT MONTH OF PAY STUBS

WEDNESDAYS

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

»»» **The Front Porch**
1130 W 51st Street
Chicago, IL 60609



QUESTIONS?

For more information, contact us at:

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EVENTS

Join Our Weekly Know Your Rights Training

Every week, we hold virtual Know Your Rights Training to ensure that immigrants know

what to do if they encounter ICE. Learn about your protections, how to create an emergency plan, and where to find trustworthy legal services.

English: Tuesdays at 2:00 PM CST

Spanish: Thursdays at 6:00 PM CST

[Click here to sign up for a virtual training.](#)

Housing Cooperatives – Join the Conversation and Explore 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.

English: Friday, February 21 at 6:00 PM CST – [How Co-Op Housing Comes Together](#)

English: Friday, March 21 at 6:00 PM CST – [Housing Co-Ops and its Governance](#)

English: Friday, April 25 at 6:00 PM CST – [Member Roles and Responsibilities](#)

[Click here to view all of TRP events.](#)

IN THE NEWS

- ABC Chicago - [Chicago leaders want undocumented business owners to be prepared for deportations; IL Hispanic Chamber of Commerce offers advice - ABC7 Chicago](#)
- Chicago Sun-Times - [Tips for immigrants on how to rent an apartment in Chicago - Chicago Sun-Times](#)
- Chicago Tribune - [Chicago advocates urge immigrants to attend ICE and court](#)

[dates](#)

- [Block Club Chicago - Chicago's immigrants are being targeted by ICE. Here's what you can do to help.](#)
- Politico: [Bracing for an ICE storm - POLITICO](#)
- Bloomberg - [Trump Immigration Threat for Chicago Brings Fear, Anxiety - Bloomberg](#)
- Borderless Magazine - [A People's Agenda for Immigration Under Trump – Borderless Magazine NFP](#)
- WGN - [Chicago police reminded they can't cooperate with deportations | WGN-TV](#)
- Milwaukee TMJ4 - [Chicago immigrant organizations prepare for potential mass deportations](#)

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

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