

## Media Alert

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## Teen Living Programs Breaks Ground on Chicago's Newest Home for Youth Who are Homeless

**WHAT:** Teen Living Programs, the only Chicago agency devoted solely to youth who are homeless, will host a groundbreaking ceremony for its new residential facility, celebrating Chicago's newest home for youth who are homeless.

**WHO:** TLP's board of directors, funders, staff and youth, as well as Pat Dowell, Chicago Ward 3 alderman; Dorothy Brown, clerk of the circuit court of Cook County; and Illinois Rep. Elga Jeffries (District 26) are among the guests who are scheduled to attend.

**WHEN:** 5:30 to 7 p.m., Thursday, May 1

**WHERE:** 3739 S. Indiana Ave., Chicago

**BACKGROUND:** Teen Living Programs is one of the largest providers of beds for youth who are homeless in Chicago — of the approximately 250 beds devoted to this population, Teen Living Programs provides 36. The new residential facility will increase TLP's capacity to 42 beds. Additionally, the state-of-the-art building (designed pro bono by Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture) will significantly reduce TLP's operating costs, allowing Teen Living Programs to more efficiently and effectively serve youth who are homeless in Chicago. Contributors to the capital campaign to build the new residential facility include the Chicago Department of Housing, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, The Field Foundation of Illinois Inc., The John Buck Co., Polk Bros. Foundation, Prince Charitable Trusts and Project RUSH.

### **About Teen Living Programs:**

*Teen Living Programs' mission is to create hope and opportunity for youth who are homeless by assisting them to permanently leave the streets, secure stable housing, and build self-sufficient, satisfying lives. Teen Living Programs (TLP) has successfully served Chicago's at-risk youth for more than 30 years. We began in 1976 as a specialized house care program for wards of the state and started serving youth who are homeless in 1981. Since 2001, we have focused **solely** on youth who are homeless — and we are the only Chicago agency to do so.*

*Teen Living Programs annually serves 500 youth through a continuum of services: a street and community outreach program, a school-based prevention program, and three residential programs (an eight-bed emergency shelter, an 18-bed group transitional living program, and a 10-apartment independent living program), with wraparound supportive services in education, vocation, and recreation; a health and nutrition program; and aftercare. Visit [www.teenliving.org](http://www.teenliving.org) for more information.*

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