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The ICE invasion in the Roseville area is wreaking havoc on our community. It's not a Minneapolis or a St. Paul problem—Roseville residents are being directly targeted.

Personal stories are everywhere: people having their cars surrounded and being taken away without notice. before they are taken away without notice; families left scrambling to find out where their loved ones have been taken.

This is not about arresting criminals. ICE is targeting people based on black or brown skin or my searching car registrations for names associated with immigrants.

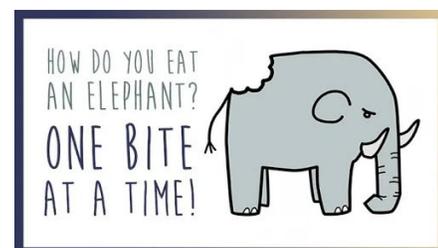
Families are living in terror. Many have not left their homes since this began in December, fearing deportation. Work is not safe—ICE is targeting businesses where immigrants are legally employed. School is not safe—ICE has been seen circling school parking lots and bus stops. Grocery shopping? Not safe. Laundry? Not possible. Even taking out the garbage is dangerous. US Citizens have been detained. White residents who attempt to help have been driven off the road and threatened.

If you haven't heard the stories directly from your Roseville neighbors, you can listen to the [January 12](#) and [January 22](#) and City Council meetings—nearly six hours of residents sharing their lived experiences.

Even if DHS announced tomorrow that ICE was leaving, it would take weeks of constant vigilance before people would believe it and feel enough to leave their homes. To describe this as anything less than devastating—for those taken and for those who are left behind—would be an understatement. The trauma inflicted on this community will last for generations.

Yet there is hope—because we are Minnesotans and we care for each other. We see this in who we are: we regularly rank #1 in voter turnout, and we are consistently among the top states for volunteering. Targeting Minnesota was a mistake.

So many people are being impacted, and so many aspects of daily life need attention, that it's easy to feel overwhelmed. The intent is to sow chaos and immobilize us. But we know what to do. As the saying goes, "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time." And that's exactly what we're doing.



What is already happening in our community is nothing short of remarkable. People are organically organizing into hyper-local groups to patrol and protect neighborhoods. Food is being collected, shopped for, and delivered to families in need. Groups have stepped up to support teachers and schools. Neighbors are doing laundry and taking out garbage for those who cannot. Mutual aid needs are being identified and met every day.

All of this is happening despite real risk. ICE follows cars and tracks license plates. Volunteers have been followed home. People are forced to use encrypted messaging, nicknames, and to disable biometrics and location tracking on their phones. And still, many in our community are choosing to do this vital work. We cannot thank them enough.

If you're feeling ready to give up because this sounds too hard—don't. There is no shortage of ways to help. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination. There truly is a role for everyone. The only thing we cannot do is remain silent and do nothing—that is complicity. Here's a great [article](#) about how there is a role for everyone.

Remember: you are not alone. "You" means you as an individual, but it also means you and your family, your friends, your faith community, your neighbors, your book club, your pickleball team—everyone you interact with.

Like much of our community, Do Good Roseville wants to support our immigrant neighbors in every way we can. We've received an overwhelming outpouring of people asking how to help—and while we can't respond to every message individually, we are grateful and honored to serve as a community hub. To that end, we've compiled a list of ways people can support our neighbors during this crisis created by the ICE invasion of our community. It's a start.

You'll notice the list does not include direct contact with vulnerable neighbors (such as delivering groceries). That is intentional, due to significant safety concerns. Protecting people is our number one priority—but there is still so much we can do.

There is always more that can be done, and we hope this helps you think creatively about how your unique skills and abilities can be used right now.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. We are stronger together! ICE has met its match!



Goliath had power.
David had courage, creativity, and community.

Things you can do without leaving home.



Care for Those You Know

Check in on the people you care about—without any expectation of a reply or a conversation.

Many of our immigrant friends have shared that no one has asked how they're doing. A call, a text, or a handwritten note can make a real difference. Reach out to your immigrant friends, those in mixed-status families, teachers and others on the front lines, parents whose kids are worried about their friends—very few people are untouched by what's happening right now.

If they want to talk, listen. If they don't, that's okay too.



Write Welcome Cards

One meaningful way to show support is by making personal cards for our immigrant and refugee neighbors, letting them know they are welcome here and that we stand with them.

Our website has ideas to help you get started:
<https://dogoodroseville.com/immigrant-support/>.

You can give the cards directly to individuals, drop them off at schools to be included with meal deliveries to families, or share them with Do Good Roseville, and we'll help distribute them.

If you want to have DGR distribute the cards, you can drop them off – anytime – at 1161 Laurie Road West. There will be a plastic bin labeled “Do Good Roseville” on the left side of the driveway.



Support Our School Heroes

You know who else could really use some encouragement right now? Our teachers and school staff.

Imagine being responsible for a classroom of 20–30 students—some too afraid to come to school, others worried about friends or family. Teachers are showing up every day carrying not only their own fear and grief, but also the emotional weight of their students.

Many are going above and beyond, taking on extra responsibilities to make sure families have what they need at home. They are truly heroes, and they could really use words of support and encouragement right now. And honestly, a few treats wouldn't hurt either. ♥

If you want to have DGR distribute cards or treats, you can drop them off – anytime – at 1161 Laurie Road West. There will be a plastic bin labeled “Do Good Roseville” on the left side of the driveway.

How to have an impact beyond your neighborhood.



Speak Out to Our City Council

Contact our City Council and urge them to do everything in their power to protect all our residents. Calls and letters matter.

Specific requests are especially effective, since everyone sees different needs through their own life experiences—you may have an idea no one else has thought of yet. Share your ideas, but don't let that stop you from making a general plea for action as well.

Here is a link to contact information for Roseville City Council:

<https://cityofroseville.com/56/Members>



Contact Your Legislators

Federal law changes are needed—and this is one place where you can make an impact even beyond Minnesota. Encourage your family and friends in other states to take action too.

One call probably won't change a vote on its own—but representatives don't measure public opinion by a single call. They look for patterns. Staffers literally keep tallies: how many calls for, how many against, and from which ZIP codes.

Silence is often read as consent. If only people who agree with them speak up, that's the picture they'll see. Calling takes away the excuse of "my constituents don't care."

Not sure who to contact? [Democracy IO](#) displays your representatives with a contact form.

Not sure what to say? The website [5calls.org](#) makes it easy. You enter your City and select an issue you care about. It displays a sample script or text and connects you to your representatives.

Don't forget to use social media too!



Get Involved Locally

Want to learn more about the political process and meet others who care passionately about our democracy? The [League of Women Voters](#) is a non-partisan organization dedicated to empowering voters and defending democracy through voter education and engagement, advocating for democracy, encouraging civic participation. Men are welcome too! The Roseville Area LWV is very active. Join them or follow them at [LWV-Roseville Area](#).

It's also not too soon to sign-up to be an election judge! On Election Day, there can be as many as 30,000 election judges temporarily employed at polling places across Minnesota. Find out all about what the entails [here](#).

If you have some money and maybe some time



Donate to Buy Food

Do you dread going to the grocery store or get tired of making meals? Now imagine not being able to leave your home since December—and not being able to do either,

There's an incredible network of volunteers who shop for and deliver food—but they need your help.



Donate Food

Monetary donations are especially effective because they stretch further and allow purchases based on specific needs. If you prefer to shop, donations of food and personal care items are always in high demand.

If you have the funds, you can donate to buy gift cards for schools to buy food, see [Do Good Roseville campaign](#), or donate to the PTA/O at your favorite school. You can also donate to other local organizations which address food insecurity. Here are two in our backyard: [Keystone Community Services](#) and [Every Meal](#).

If you prefer to shop for food, most of the Roseville Schools have a food shelf which accept food donations. They recently had a food and personal products drive, and here is a [list of most requested items](#). Here is a similar [list](#) from Keystone Community Services which also accepts food donations.

We've had many people reach out wanting to help by delivering food. We deeply appreciate the willingness to step up, but we unfortunately do not have the capacity or expertise to vet everyone who contacts us. For that reason, we have made the decision not to coordinate any support that involves direct contact with people who may be vulnerable or at risk.

Recent events involving federal immigration enforcement have heightened safety concerns for everyone involved, and we want to avoid putting volunteers or neighbors in harm's way.

We have heard that these organizations may need volunteers to pack & deliver groceries, but do not have personal experience with them: [Sanneh Foundation](#), [Twin Cities Food Justice](#), and [DHH Church](#).

Know someone in need of food? Here is a [list of resources](#) from the School District.



Because You Have a Choice



Go out to eat at local restaurants. Your physical presence matters (and don't forget to tip big!)

Don't want to go out? Order in from those same immigrant owned restaurants. If you can, pick it up yourself. All restaurants are short-staffed.

Buy gift cards from local restaurants or businesses to be used later. We have heard some people buy gift cards and give them back to the restaurant. ❤️



Help people stay in their homes. Straight-up request for donations.



When people are afraid to leave their homes, or if businesses experience significant downturns, it means that people can't work. If they can't work, they can't pay their rent. February rent is due now, and March will come quickly.

Based on conversations with multiple sources (schools, faith communities, rapid response teams, community members, we want to help people before they receive an eviction notice, because just receiving the notice begins a downward spiral that can impact their lives for years.

Our community is organizing housing stabilization assistance through two avenues:
Through the School District Social Workers for all families in the Roseville School District
Through the City of Roseville Housing Navigator for Roseville families without children in Roseville schools

In order to make this happen, we need significant donations from the community. We are fortunate that St. Michael's Lutheran Church is able to collect and distribute funds based on the two avenues described above. To donate to housing stabilization for residents of the Roseville area, you can donate [here](#).

If you know someone who needs help now to pay for February rent, have them reach out the school social workers or Cari Mc Collor (cari.mccollor@cityofroseville.com) to be referred for payment directly to their landlord. We will be dealing this on a month to month basis, but expect it will continue at least through March.

If You're Able to be Out and About – Make Yourself Heard!



Demonstrate locally

If you're able, join the big marches/protests. To find out when they are happening, two good sources are: [MN50501](#) or [Indivisible Twin Cities](#). You may also want to follow their social media accounts.

You can also stay closer to home and participate in the neighborhood protests that are popping up organically, or create your own! All it takes is you and a sign! What we are seeing is if someone demonstrates one week, the next week more people join, and then more the next week, and all of a sudden you have a movement!

Here are a few we have heard about – we know there are others!

- Snelling & Larpenteur corners – Mondays – 4:00 – 5:00
- Hamline Bridge over Hwy 36 – Wednesdays – 3:15 – 5:00
- Lexington & County Rd C – Wednesdays – 4:15 – 5:45
- Lexington & Larpenteur – Fridays – 3:00 – 4:00



Protect Your Neighbors

Join 30,000 other Minnesotans who have become Constitutional Observers. What is that? It is a trained community member who calmly observes and documents law enforcement activity to help ensure constitutional rights are respected and to support accountability.

Constitutional Observers:

- Witness and document interactions involving law enforcement and immigration authorities
- Focus on accuracy, neutrality, and safety
- Never interfere with, obstruct, or escalate a situation

Their role is to observe, document, and report – nothing more, nothing less.

These are some of the organizations which offer this training: [Monarca](#), [COPAL](#), [MN DFL](#), [MN Democracy Defense Network](#).



Prepare to Make Noise

Wear a whistle and be prepared to blow it when ICE is where you are. Whistle kits are usually available at Makwa Coffee or make your own. Here are some [materials](#) and you can even 3-d print them. Here are some [patterns](#).

Another tip is to use your car alarm. Anything to draw attention to what is happening. ICE hates attention.

Use Your Unique Skills and Interests to Fill a Need



Use Your Unique Skills and Talents

Here are some examples of people and organizations who used their unique skills and interest to fulfill a need. What are you uniquely suited to do to answer this crisis?

A collective of local artists and neighbors are building “creative healing kits” for families impacted by ICE and who might be stuck at home.

My Pitbull Is Family has been helping vulnerable families take care of their pets, including when an owner is detained by ICE.

The People’s Laundry has been helping Minnesotans clean their clothes if they can’t venture to the laundromat.

Leo’s Tow and Galeana’s Towing & Services are offering free or sharply discounted towing services to people whose cars were abandoned after an immigration arrest.

Find or Create Donation Funding Sources

The needs are so great. Here are some often un-tapped sources of funds to facilitate donations:



Find Untapped Resources

- Sources of donation funds:
 - Donate Credit Card Rewards
 - Donate Tax Refunds
 - Gift from donor-advised funds
 - Give a gift from your IRA (for those 70.5 or older)
 - Thrivent Action Team donation
- From your employer:
 - Leverage Employer Gift Matching of Your Donation
 - Corporate Volunteer Grants (companies provide monetary donations to nonprofits where their employees regularly volunteer)
- Fundraisers
 - Percent of business sales fundraiser
 - Social Media Fundraising Challenge
 - Host a collection drive
 - Bake Sale
 - Gaming for Good

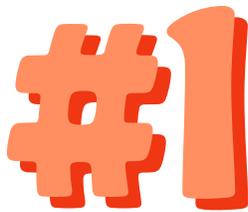
For a list of organizations across the state to donate to, go to [StandWithMinnesota](#)

Volunteer to Sustain Organizations



Though life is upended for a large percentage of our community, it's true that there are many organizations who needed volunteers before this crisis and who still need help to maintain their services. Maybe even more than before.

For a list of organizations, places where you can make meals, ideas for collections, and projects, scroll down on this page to find lists: <https://dogoodroseville.com/roseville-cares-2026/>



One of the most powerful things you can do right now is share what's really happening in our community—especially with friends, family, and people on social media who don't live in the Twin Cities.



There are false narratives circulating, and if they go unchallenged, people may assume the danger has passed. They'll hear that 700 agents are leaving, without realizing that 2,000 are still here. They'll hear that body cameras are required, without understanding how long investigations take or how much work remains to actually remove offenders from our streets.

The real risk is complacency. We cannot take our foot off the gas until members of our community feel safe enough to leave their homes and live their lives again. The only way to know when we've reached that point is by listening—truly listening—to the voices of those most affected, especially our schools and families.

Your voice matters. Sharing the truth helps keep our community visible, supported, and moving forward.

As we share stories and stay connected, we have to be mindful that loose lips can sink ships. ICE is actively seeking information in many ways, which means even casual conversations or well-intentioned posts can cause harm if they include identifying details.

Please share responsibly and protect the people in our community by keeping personal information private.



Coming Up This Month



Civics 101: Freedom of Speech, the Constitution and You

**Sunday, February 15
1:30 to 3:00 pm**

**Ramsey County Library - Maplewood
3025 Southlawn Drive, Maplewood**

Learn about your right to freedom of speech and freedom of the press from a journalist, educator, and lawyer. A public education event on the understanding, legal implications, and application of the 1st Amendment of the Constitution. Bring your questions! To view on Zoom, use this [link](#)

Hosted by LWV Roseville Area. Co-sponsors: Ramsey County Library, Do Good Roseville, LWV New Brighton Area, LWV St. Paul



2nd Annual Roseville Cares Week Jan 31 - Feb 8

Roseville Cares is a community initiative that highlights acts of kindness and inspires others to care it forward. Roseville Cares Week makes it easy to participate by offering simple, meaningful ways to get involved—a chance to pause, step up, and do something good together.

When we began planning this week, we had a different volunteer project scheduled for each day. Then ICE came to town, and our plans shifted. Protecting and supporting our neighbors became the priority, and we chose to cancel those projects.

What followed has been nothing short of remarkable. The way Roseville has rallied—showing up for one another, responding with compassion, and standing strong as a community—has far exceeded anything we originally planned. This is Roseville Cares at its very best. Thank you.





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