STOLEN NEIGHBORS NY

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Dear Community Member:

Between January 2025 and July 2026, more than 19,000 of our friends and neighbors have been forcibly removed from their families, friends, neighbors and communities in New York. Many thousands more have been taken since, but our government refuses to share the scope of the loss.

Stolen Neighbors NY is a community effort to call attention to the sheer number of human beings lost and to create awareness of the enormous impact of each loss. Our volunteers will create an enormous quilt that will remind all of us of our collective loss, including those who have the power to change the policies that create and enforce these injustices.

We need your help.

We are asking your organization, employees, and clients to cut 2½ inch squares of fabric for us to sew into our community quilt. Each 2½ inch square will be sewn into a 2-inch finished square. Each square represents a human being that has been taken from home, family, and community.

We have enclosed an information sheet and basic instructions. Packets of fabric and 2½ inch templates are available. **Please contact us at staff@SchweinfurthArtCenter.org to let us know if you will participate and provide a contact person at your organization.** We are available to support you.

Meanwhile, you can keep track of our progress at SchweinfurthArtCenter.org/stolen, or on Facebook or Instagram at @StolenNeighborsNY. Of course, if you have questions or concerns, please contact us at staff@SchweinfurthArtCenter.org.

Thank you so much for your support of our community.

Stolen Neighbors NY Volunteers