STOLEN NEIGHBORS NY

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Dear Quilter:

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 taken 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.

There are several ways you can help.

1. Cut 2½ inch squares ready to be sewn into finished 2-inch squares for the quilt.

2. Take 25 2½ inch squares and sew them into 5x5 blocks that can be sewn into the larger quilt.

3. Volunteer to help with sewing the larger quilt. We will be meeting 10am to 3 pm most Wednesdays at the Schweinfurth Art Center in Auburn to work on the larger quilt. We will also need help with backing and tying the quilt.

We have enclosed an information sheet and basic instructions. We are happy to work with you. Please reach out to us with any questions you have or information you need at staff@SchweinfurthArtCenter.org. You can follow our progress on our website, SchweinfurthArtCenter.org/stolen, or through Facebook and Instagram at @StolenNeighborsNY.

Thank you so much for your support of our community.

Stolen Neighbors NY Volunteers