STOLEN NEIGHBORS NY

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Information about the Stolen Neighbors NY quilt project

- 19,343 New Yorkers have been taken from their homes, business, and cars by ICE between January 2025 and July 2026. Thousands more have been taken since then, but our government will no longer disclose information to the public.

- Most of those taken have been denied due process despite having committed no crimes and lived in New York as contributing and productive members of our community for years. Some have been removed to countries they have never known and are subject to dangerous and uncertain futures.

- Family, friends and neighbors left behind suffer; all of us are hurt indirectly.

- The Stolen Neighbors NY project is intended to acknowledge and honor those who have been taken, and to raise awareness in the general public.

- We want to engage as many people as possible to contribute to this project in the hope that we can persuade our government to act in a more humane and compassionate manner, and to preserve families, communities and our economy.

- The scope of this project is enormous. Each human being will be represented by a single 2½ inch square of fabric. That means we need over 19,000 individual squares that will be put together into a nine foot wide quilt, likely to measure over 60 feet long.

- The Stolen Neighbors NY quilt will be presented to our New York Legislature next June and will be available to travel across the state as a living reminder of the loss of our fellow New Yorkers.

- We are inspired by Stolen Neighbors MN, a group of volunteers who created the first quilt of this nature. More information is available at https://www.instagram.com/stolenneighborsquilt/ and on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61589166441317. View their quilt at https://www.youtube.com/shorts/kFmbaxZ_GOE