

What do we do now...

Between the murder of Renee Nicole Good and the weeks of terror that ICE agents have inflicted upon our city, PWNO has been left heartbroken and outraged.

We won't mince our words. Things feel grim, and it's easy to feel overwhelmed and powerless. But we are more powerful and more capable than we know. When no one else takes care of us, we take care of each other—this has always been true for Phillips. Hold your loved ones close and keep calm, keep vigilant, and keep being active in your community.

To our neighbors, and those beyond Phillips West, who are looking to help and aren't sure where to begin, here are some places to get started:

1. ALWAYS CARRY A WHISTLE

You can wear it around your neck or put it on your keys so you always have it. Do you need a whistle? Send us a message or email us and we'll get one to you!

2. SPEND TIME ON A MAJOR STREET (LIKE LAKE OR FRANKLIN)

Do you have an hour to spare? Find a bus stop on a major street and hang out with your whistle visible and eyes up. Most abductions are quick, but having a person whistling and recording can drive ICE away. And, if you don't see anything happen while you're out that's a good thing!



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3. VOLUNTEER WITH A LOCAL FOOD SHELF

Food shelves are always looking for volunteers and right now they are carrying a heavier load than usual. There are tons of food shelves all over the Twin Cities in nearly every neighborhood. If you're not in Phillips West, contact your local neighborhood organization to see if they know of a food shelf that could use volunteers. We can help you find your neighborhood organization if you don't know!

4. KNOCK YOUR BLOCK!

We highly recommend getting to know your neighbors and exchanging numbers. Some neighbors might be nervous to answer the door right now, so you can also make a flier to leave at their doors; consider making a group chat on Signal or WhatsApp for secure messaging (we can help!).

As you meet your neighbors, you can ask if they need someone to get groceries, walk kids to school, drive them to appointments, etc. We can help connect you to food distribution resources and help you support your neighbors!

Do you want help door knocking your street or building? PWNO staff can join you!

5. SUPPORT IMMIGRANT-RUN BUSINESSES

If you can, dine in or carry out at one of the incredible restaurants that we're lucky to have in the neighborhood. Take your car to one of the local auto shops. Stop by the corner store to pick up some of your household necessities. This way, you're financially supporting your community, physically making your presence known, and getting your errands done.