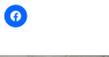


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Ways to support Minnesota neighbors affected by ICE

Twin Cities restaurants are offering free deliveries, and neighborhoods are organizing food drives.

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Volunteers with TC Food Justice sort donated items so they can be packed into bags in Minnesota on Jan 19, 2026. Credit: Chris Juhn for Sahan Journal

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With thousands of federal immigration officers in the Twin Cities during the seventh week of Operation Metro Surge, people are working to support community members whose daily lives have been upended.

Here's how you can help your neighbors impacted by ICE. Please check with organizers for updates on the activities below.

Community food drives

Fly Freak Studio

- Who: This St. Paul fitness studio offers aerial and land-based classes, including sling, pilates and yoga.
What: The St. Paul studio is hosting a food drive to support Open Market MN and Zion Community Commons.
Get involved or find out more: For questions or more information, please call 651-900-1636.

Dios Habla Hoy (DHH) Church

- Who: An evangelical church in Minneapolis.
What: DHH Church is running a food drive and delivering boxes of food to families in need.
Get involved or find out more: You can register to receive a food basket or sign up to volunteer here.

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Food deliveries and volunteer opportunities

A number of food shelves are accepting donations and delivering to area residents in need of assistance.

Intercongregation Communities Association (ICA)

- Who: A nonprofit organization that provides west metro residents with employment and housing assistance.
What: The ICA Food Shelf is delivering food to residents in Hopkins, Minnetonka, Excelsior, Shorewood, Deephaven, Greenwood and Woodland.
Get involved or find out more: People can call and make appointments for deliveries at 952-938-0729.

Neighbors Inc.

- Who: A nonprofit organization providing food, clothes and employment assistance to communities in Dakota and surrounding areas.
What: The organization is delivering food to residents in South St. Paul, West St. Paul, Inver Grove Heights, Mendota, Mendota Heights, Sunfish Lake and Lilydale.
Get involved or find out more: Residents must register and call to request delivery service through its intake line at 651-455-5000.

Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People (VEAP)

- Who: VEAP describes itself as "the Twin Cities' largest food pantry.
What: The food pantry is packing and delivering food to folks who are sheltering at home in south Minneapolis, Richfield, Bloomington, and Edina.
Get involved or find out more: Call 952-888-9616 to visit the food pantry, get care packs delivered, or ask about rent and utilities assistance.

Many food shelves are seeking volunteers to help distribute food. You can find your nearest food shelf here.

Restaurant food deliveries

A number of restaurants are offering free food deliveries to people affected by the presence of ICE.

Loma Bonita Market:

- Who: A grocery store in Richfield, Minnesota.
What: The market is offering free delivery for orders of \$50 or more.
Get involved or find out more: For questions or to place an order, please call 6128007272.

Valerie's Carniceria:

- Who: A Mexican meat market and grocery store.
What: The store is offering free deliveries to customers.
Get involved or find out more: For questions or to place an order, please call 612-823-4400.

Food assistance for students and families

For students in Minneapolis or beyond who may not be attending school in person due to ICE actions, Minneapolis Public Schools has compiled a list of sites at which students and families can receive food assistance outside of the normal school day.

Fundraisers

- Andersen Middle School in Minneapolis: This fundraiser in support of students and families at Andersen Middle School in Minneapolis will help purchase essential items.
Saint Paul Public Schools: The Highland Middle School Parent Solidarity Network is organizing a fundraiser to support families in the St. Paul Public Schools community.

How to report sightings of ICE in your community

The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota is urging residents to help monitor ICE activity in the state. Community members can report sightings of ICE personnel or vehicles to COPAL's helpline at 612-255-3112 or the Monarca Rapid Response Line at 612-441-2881.

You can also report ICE sightings and interactions to Sahan Journal via a form, or contact our immigration reporter, Katelyn Vue, on Signal @katelyn.18.

Jan. 27 update: The Fly Freak Studio food drive is now running indefinitely. Previously, the drive was set to end Jan. 28.

We want to hear from you. Do you know other ways Minnesota neighbors are helping each other? Please tell our community engagement manager Hannah Ihekoronye via email at hihkoronye@sahanjournal.com.

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