

# “What Can I Do to Help?”

## Community Action for Migrant\* Support

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# Agenda

Introductions

Conversation Guidelines

Current Situation

The Central Question

Guiding Lenses

Cultivating Abundance

A Path Forward



## What this conversation is:

- Meet one another
- Develop a shared understanding of current situation at the community level
- Get organized
- Generate ideas and possibilities
- Open key questions
- Arrive at specific next steps

## What this conversation is NOT:

- Debate what the local, state, federal government should be doing
- Prescribe answers

# Current Situation

*Many Individual Efforts – Quick, Reflexive, Immediate Action*



## WHO?

- Action-oriented individuals
- Faith-based groups
- Nonprofits (HPNC, HPRP, SSUSA)
- City supported services

## WHERE?

- D2 Police Station (51<sup>st</sup>/Wentworth)
- D3 Police Station (71<sup>st</sup>/Cottage Grove)
- Lakes Shore Hotel (49<sup>th</sup>/Lake Shore)
- Wadsworth Campus (64<sup>th</sup>/University)
- Neighborhood Public Schools

## WHAT?

- Food
- Clothing/Material Donations
- Medical Support
- Transportation
- School Registration/Educational Support
- Translation/Language Support
- Legal and Employment Support
- Community-building/Recreation

## HOW?

- Independent initiative
- Self-funded
- Volunteer time
- Ad hoc social media communication
- In private homes, basements, houses of worship



***“WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?”***

Support emergency response efforts

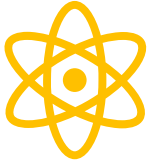
# ***“WHAT DO I BRING TO THE TABLE?”***

Grow long-term community ecosystem

HPNC aims to support current efforts and take initiative in the following ways:

- Convene organizers and articulate current ecosystem
- Create central webpage/resource guide with links to volunteer opportunities
- Activate volunteer outreach and neighborhood network
- Invite our new neighbors into our current programs (Tot Lot, OST, Athletics)
- Develop specialized supports, including bi-lingual tutoring and ESL classes
- Open our building during quiet times and invite partners and volunteers to run key support activities
- Collaborate on other creative ideas





# GOAL

To unify action now and lay out next steps to establish an ecosystem of support that is responsive to and inclusive of our new neighbors.

## GUIDING LENSES

### Abundance in Community

The wealth is within...

- Creativity
- Social Connections
- Expertise
- Organized Action
- Physical Assets
- Institutions
- Financial Support

### Neighborhood Hospitality

Offer warm welcome and cultivate trust

Conduct culturally and linguistically appropriate outreach

Honor the humanity in our neighbors

### Supported Self-Agency

Provide spaces and opportunities for our new neighbors to form community and help themselves

### Collaboration

Coordinate efforts

Communicate clearly and transparently

# Cultivating Abundance



## Immediate Needs



### VOLUNTEERING

Coordinators and Volunteers for:

- Food Procurement, Prep & Distribution
- Material Resource Procurement
- Transportation
- Translators
- Bilingual Tutors
- Document Support
- Space Stewards

### MATERIAL NEEDS

- Fresh Food
- Specific clothing, items, toiletries, over-the-counter and prescription drugs
- Cash Donations

## Organizing Opportunities



### GOOGLE FORM

[hpncclub.org/  
migrantsupportlist](https://hpncclub.org/migrantsupportlist)

Name

Role

Affiliation

Location

Email

Brief Description

Project Link

(Google Form, website, WhatsApp group, Facebook group, etc)

*\*Don't worry about word-smithing, we can edit and send back for your review*

## Inventory of Local Assets



### NETWORKS & AFFILIATIONS

- Personal, social, religious, professional, political

### PHYSICAL SPACES

- Community spaces, houses of worship, schools, parks, kitchens

### CAPACITIES

- Coordination, training, research, outreach, expertise

## Ideas & Questions





# A Path Forward



Identify collaborative synergy. Consider subgroups by topic area, location, or activity (for example).

Set follow-up conversations to explore potential.



Identify key roles, responsibilities, logistics, outreach, action items, and timelines.

Establish frequency and method of ongoing communications and future check-ins.



*What are YOUR ideas?*

# Thank You!

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