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1 We are not powerless

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3 TEXT BODY:

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4 Minneapolis has become ground zero for fighting for  
5 democracy.

6 Refusing to be covered by ICE agents in tactical gear,  
7 residents continue to protest. Monitors with whistles warn people  
8 of the presence of ICE in neighborhoods. Residents form safety  
9 patrols and conduct food drives and deliver box meals and other  
10 necessities to people afraid to leave their homes. Restaurants

11 deliver free food to people affected by ICE. Immigrants are  
12 provided with legal representation.

13 How can we in Vermont support the courage and  
14 compassion of those who live in Minneapolis? This valuable  
15 resource, [standwithminnesota.com](http://standwithminnesota.com) , consolidates into one  
16 website many help organizations so that you can think about  
17 how you want to help and then find a well-vetted organization to  
18 which to donate.

19 You can choose to help organizers on the ground  
20 (anything from basic resources to legal aid), immigrant  
21 populations with legal representation, communities providing  
22 food to people afraid to go out, schools with support for teachers  
23 and students. These are a few of the many options.

24 Other well-vetted resources are the following: [ACLU](#)  
25 [Minnesota](#); [Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Committee](#);  
26 [Immigrant Defense Network](#).

27 In the words of the person who passed this information  
28 on to me as well as to others, "Remember that our small acts  
29 converge and multiply — we are not powerless."

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