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\* Linking Communities to  
Resources

*Uniting community members to transform our neighborhoods is at the heart of what we do.*



**Movers and Shakers (Prince George's County)**

## When Our Neighbors Need Help

Cultivating Community Connections works hard to focus on the positive. That is why we bring community leaders together to share best practices. That is also why “sharing our strengths” and “stronger together” are so central to our work. But all positivity without looking at solutions to challenges isn’t realistic.

With that in mind, here is the reality- in our neighborhoods there are many people who feel unsafe. We find ourselves in a new reality where some of our neighbors are hiding in their homes for no other reason than they are from another country. These community members have been productive members of society, have lived up-standing lives, and until recently they had been going about the daily business of living without causing a problem.

It isn’t necessary to point out what has changed. But to really understand the human cost of our current situation, it is necessary to give some real examples of the depth of the struggles our neighbors are facing.

- One neighbor reported that within their immigrant social and religious circles, they have all devised a plan regarding how to respond if confronted by immigration enforcement. The neighbor that reluctantly shared this is a citizen.
- That same neighbor says many friends won’t leave their house. Instead they order everything on-line. Most of these people are here legally, some came as children without documentation, others are naturalized, and some have unknown status.
- A great number of our neighbors with foreign sounding names say they are carrying proof of citizenship in case they are stopped. This group includes many who were born here and have never lived in another country. Just their name makes them afraid they will be targeted.

None of this is okay. None of this represents who we are. Fighting for the rights of our neighbors is very important, but that alone doesn’t bring comfort to the neighbor, even if that neighbor is aware of protests and legislative advocacy efforts.

How do we reach out to our neighbors who might be afraid? What can and can’t we do? Those are just a few of the questions community leaders are faced with. Read on for how one community is getting some answers.

# COMMUNITY IS THE *foundation* TO SUCCESS

-KRISTEN JONES-

## What Do You Think?

Cultivating Community Connections would like to know about the people in your community that are making a difference. Tell us who they are and what they are doing.

Email us at:

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## Our Leadership Team

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*Movers and Shakers* past  
president

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Thank you for supporting CCC's  
efforts to strengthen  
communities.

## Keeping Our Neighbors Safe A Neighborhood Watch Meeting

We asked one local community to share what they are doing to address the question about how to protect our neighbors. Below is that community's brief summary of a meeting and a draft agenda for that meeting. They have invited a representative from the police department and a local attorney with immigration expertise. Feel free to adapt this program design to fit your community.

### BRIEF SUMMARY

To provide a forum for residents to have more information about immigration enforcement that is going on across the country and potentially coming to our community. The meeting is intended for any resident (immigrant - documented or undocumented and US Citizens). The meeting is not intended to provide legal advice. We will have a guest speaker and other representatives available to help answer questions.

### AGENDA (DRAFT)

Purpose of meeting

Introduction of Guests

Topics

**\*\*Be informed.** Understand immigrant legal rights and the challenges they face.

**\*\*How to prepare.** What to do if detained or arrested. Do you have a Family Safe Plan? Do you know where to turn for help?

**\*\*How to support your neighbors and organizations in a manner to keep everyone safe.** For those who want to feel empowered to help and want to be more active through volunteer work or donations to organizations.

**\*\*Resources available**

**\*\*Questions & Answers**

## Keeping the Olympic Spirit Alive

The Olympics served as a great reminder about so many of humanity's shared best qualities and worthy standards for future achievements. **Let's all strive to live in the spirit of the Olympics as stated on their web site:**

<https://www.olympics.com/ioc/olympic-mottos>

- We move forward when we move together.

Olympic motto: Faster, Higher, Stronger - Together.



## Resources To Share With Your Community



CONGRESSMAN GLENN IVEY  
MARYLAND'S FOURTH DISTRICT

<https://ivey.house.gov/services/resources-marylanders-affected-trump-administration-policies>

### Immigrant Families:

#### Know Your Rights

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services - accredited organizations  
Maryland Attorney General Immigration Assistance page and Homepage  
Governor's Office of Community Initiatives - Immigrant Affairs  
Immigration Enforcement Actions at Maryland Schools  
USCIS Online Tool Guide  
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Portal

### Other Resources

#### A Few Things Everyone Can Do

<https://hias.org/news/seven-ways-take-action-immigrants/>

- Familiarize yourself with “Know Your Rights” resources (See below for printable cards in 18 languages)

You can support immigrants in your workplace, your school, and on your block by being aware of the legal rights of immigrants and helping to educate others. Suggested resources can be found at the [Immigration Resources Hub](#) and the [National Bail Fund Network](#).

#### Help others access legal support

You can refer potentially impacted individuals to known immigration [legal service providers](#). If you are a lawyer, join a pro bono program to support immigrants and receive guidance and mentorship. HIAS' [Pro Bono and Partnerships](#) team engages volunteer attorneys from across the United States to help refugees, asylum seekers, and other displaced people access vital immigration legal services.

<https://www.immigrantsarela.com/knowyourrights#fsp>

- [Know Your Rights Red Cards](#) (18 Languages) – Printable cards with legal guidance in multiple languages.
- [Family Safety Planning Toolkit](#) Created by the [Immigrant Legal Resource Center \(ILRC\)](#)

### Check Out Our Useful Resource on CCC's Web Site

Please check our web site for future newsletters and other updates:

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