

# Alonso speaking at women's march in Cleveland

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Natalia Alonso, 16, of Fremont will be one of the featured speakers at Saturday's Women's March in Cleveland. She will be speaking at 11 a.m. in Cleveland's Public Square. *(Photo: Molly Corfman/The News-Messenger)*

FREMONT - Through her work last summer on behalf of area immigrants, Natalia Alonso saw the power of speaking out for change on social issues.

One of the organizers of [Cleveland's Women's March](#) Ohio noticed Alonso, 16, a Fremont Ross High School sophomore, and read about her advocacy work.

She invited Alonso to speak at the march on Saturday and share her experiences.

More young people like herself are raising their voices on social issues, Alonso said.

"Kids are speaking up now. I think that's cool. That gives me motivation." Alonso said Wednesday, as she talked about her scheduled Saturday morning speech in Cleveland Public Square in front of thousands.

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Alonso formed "Los Ninos de Corsos," a grassroots campaign to help children of workers arrested in a June 2018 mass immigration raid.

U.S. immigration agents made more than 100 arrests at two Erie County locations of Corso's Flower & Garden Center, a gardening and landscaping company, aided by about 200 law enforcement workers in one of the largest employer stings in recent years.

The 114 arrests were made at Corso's locations in Sandusky and Castalia.

Alonso [said at the time](#) her group had been working with several local churches, including Sacred Heart Catholic Church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church and St. Ann's Catholic Church, to get donations for children affected by the Corso's arrests.

She set up a donation drop-off site at 334 Justice St. in Fremont, as well as a "losninosdecorso" Facebook page where community members can get information and contact Natalia about donations.

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As her work received more media attention, Alonso received invitations to speak at public events and forums, including one at Bowling Green State University.

Alonso said she has branched out and looked to be involved on other social justice issues in addition to her work with immigrants.

Her speech at the Cleveland event is scheduled for 11 a.m., with a march slated for noon at the rally.

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