



Green Shoots for New Americans Refugee Agricultural Program Journey's End Refugee Services, Inc.

About the Green Shoots for New Americans Program:

Journey's End, in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension and Wilson Street Urban Farm, work with participating refugees to meet the following goals:

1. Enhance knowledge of food production and marketing techniques
 - Cornell Cooperative Extension assists in teaching classes on agricultural production and marketing
2. Create opportunities for personal and community economic development
 - Some participants will be prepared to secure jobs in the food industry while some will become part of a farmer cooperative to be formed by the end of year 3
3. Increase access to healthy, affordable, locally grown food
 - Produce and vegetable seedlings are sold at farm stands, farmers markets, and in CSA shares
4. Promote cross-cultural community integration
 - Interested community members will be assisted in growing their own home gardens

Eligibility of Participant:

All refugees that have entered the US in the last five years are eligible to participate in the program.

Requirements of Participants:

Each potential participant is required to attend a one-on-one interview with the Green Shoots Program Manager. Upon acceptance into the program, the participant is required to fulfill the following requirements:

- Attend 9-week Training Workshop at Journey's End
 - o Every Tuesday & Thursday 11-1pm: March 23, 2015 – May 21, 2015
- Prepare and maintain their own growing space
- Assist in marketing produce grow on Brewster Street Farm
 - o Community Supported Agricultural (CSA) Shares
 - o Farm Stand (TBD)
 - o Farmer's Market (TBD)
- Partake in business and crop planning workshops

Future of the Program:

After year 3, interested and qualified participants will have a chance to build a farmer business cooperative in which they will grow and sell produce to create and share profits. The Farmer Cooperative will be designed in a way that participants are sharing land and resources while allocating responsibilities and profits accordingly.

For more information, to refer participants, or to apply to the program, contact:

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