

Growing Together

A series of events for Welcoming Week 2021 by Refugee Services

Goals

Growing Together is a series of events organized by Refugee Services, a resettlement agency of Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri, as part of Welcoming Week 2021. Welcoming Week 2021 is a national campaign that will unfold September 10th to 19th. This year's theme is Belonging Begins with Us.

The **Growing Together** events will center around cultivating our knowledge of refugees and immigrants' cultures and their foods and learning about diverse crops.

Locations

All **Growing Together** events will be held at Refugee Services' Community Garden plots at Broadway Christian Church in Columbia unless otherwise stated.

In case of rain, events will be held inside the church.

Schedule of events

- **Friday, Sept. 10th at 5PM:** introduction to Welcoming Week's **Growing Together** program, Jabberwocky performance, Proclamation by City of Columbia Mayor's office, Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture presentation on their Opportunity Gardens, and planting of Fall crops.
- **Monday, Sept. 13th, 5:30PM:** a Syrian refugee family will talk about their country, culture and food and offer a sample tasting of their foods.
- **Wednesday, Sept 15th, 5PM:** local organizations will talk about their work around refugee and immigrant issues (Missouri Faith Voices, English Language Learning Department at Columbia Public Schools and City of Refuge) and Catholic Charities Health and Nutrition Services' Judith Mutamba will discuss healthy and culturally diverse eating reflecting countries where Refugee Services clients come from.
- **Thursday, Sept. 16th, 4PM:** local Mexican immigrant chef of La Terraza restaurant will do a cooking demo (streamed on Zoom – [online event](#))
- **Sunday, Sept. 19th, 1PM:** Closing event potluck.

Covid-19 measures

In all instance, in case of rain we will use the great hall at Broadway Christian Church and maintain Covid safety at all times. Masks will be encouraged outdoors and required indoors.

Partner organizations

Broadway Christian Church (BCC)

City of Columbia

Missouri Faith Voices (MFV)

Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture (CCUA)

Jabberwocky Studios (JS)

Columbia Public Schools' ELL Department (CPS)

City of Refuge (COR)