



IRC in Phoenix Team Volunteer Projects

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises and helps people to survive and rebuild their lives. Founded in 1933 at the request of Albert Einstein, the IRC offers lifesaving care and life-changing assistance to refugees forced to flee from war or disaster. At work today in over 40 countries and 22 U.S. cities, we restore safety, dignity and hope to millions who are uprooted and struggling to endure. With support from our community partners, the IRC leads the way from harm to home.

**Here is how your group
can be involved:**

World Food Day: Break Ground with New Roots

Date: October 16, 2012

Time TBD: 3+ hrs, start *before* 9am

Location: Steele Indian School Park
300 East Indian School Road
Phoenix, AZ 85012

New Roots Farm Workday

Date: November 17, 2012

Time TBD: 3+ hrs, start *before* 9am

Location: Steele Indian School Park
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In September 2012, over 100 volunteers and refugee farmers came together at a Phoenix community garden for a New Roots Farm Raising workday and celebration.
Photo/Lindy Drew

Program Description: As an essential part of our broader resettlement efforts, the New Roots program enables refugees to celebrate their heritage and nourish themselves and their neighbors by planting strong roots—literally—in their new communities. New Roots in Phoenix promotes economic empowerment and food security for over 100 farmers, gardeners and refugees employed in agriculture. From their first job in agriculture to opening their own businesses, New Roots helps refugees on every step of their journey to convert their skills into prosperous businesses in the Valley.

Volunteers can help New Roots in many different ways, including:

- Building a shade or compost structure, bench, hoop house or produce processing station
- Help prepare rows and soil for planting
- Plant seedlings and help with other garden works

For additional information:

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