

# **Worcester Refugee Assistance Project: Youth Group** FMCH Summer Assistantship: Pooja Gupta and Anushay Mistry





Gardening at Tower Hill **Botanical Gardens!** 

### **ABOUT WRAP:**

- 503(c)(1) organization founded in 2009
- Dedicated to helping refugees from the Thai-Burma border, who fled ongoing civil conflict to resettle in Worcester
- Programming focuses on youth and adult development i.e.
  - English Language Assistance
  - After-school program/ summer reading
  - Family and Peer Mentorship
  - Health Advocacy
  - Citizenship Classes and more!





WRAP weekend retreat to Camp Wilmot!

### WRAP MISSION:

To assist our local community from Burma in attaining economic independence, establishing a true community across multicultural and multigenerational backgrounds, and learning how to navigate the local resources necessary to thrive in their new home of Worcester.







## **YOUTH GROUP:**

- Around 25 youth aged 12-20 years old
- Promote health and wellness, connecting with nature, arts and culture
- "[Youth group] is really great activity, it helps us adventure to new things or places and improve our skills and knowledge" Nga Reh
- "I think of youth group as a place where I could forget - Strengthening of the mentorship about all the stress from the world and just be a silly program between WRAP and UMMS childish me. Its also basically my second house" Aisha - Continuation of fun weekend activities!



Hiking in Cascading Falls Loop Trail!



Six Flags with WRAP youth group and UMMS volunteers!

### **FUTURE PROJECTS:**

- Video-project featuring the youth talking about life in Worcester
- Promotion of leadership to allow the youth to give back to their community

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