

Inclusive Cities Community Feedback Results

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Lakeshore Refugee Resettlement

Q1: What other words best describe “Inclusive” for the communities you serve

Unity

Oneness

Common

Koine

Participating

A space to grow/learn/teach/be/give/serve/connect.

Experiencing expressions of grace.

No judgement

Included

I belong

People listen to me.

Accepted

Loved for themselves.

Valued

“I’m wanted”

Invited

Feel a part of something.

A community where ALL can belong, participate, contribute. Where all are needed.

Q.2. How can we achieve a more inclusive city/community?

Unity in Biblical principals

See if other agencies can off recreational scholarships; scholarships for other activities as money is scarce in immigrants’ budgets for this; will help them integrate.

Meet “them” and share “them” with your friends.

Help people become aware of the needs of refugee families

Diverse leadership and decision-making groups. Vital in any kind of including.

By encouraging and challenging people to step out and connect with each other.

Creating spaces where inclusivity can happen. It’s all about relationships!

Encourage connecting across borders – hear each other.

Include the refugee families in activities of your family or church.

To become an inclusive city, we first have to establish an inclusive community. That, in my opinion, can only come when we leave our culture by opening our hearts and put ourselves in their shoes. To be willing to hear and see from another person’s perspective.

Q.3. What does an inclusive city/community feel/look like for the communities you serve?

It completes us. It makes us realize that we needed them all along.

Leadership that reflects the differences in our community.

Places where everyone’s gifts can be appreciated and given place/space to shine.

Inviting to homes/church.

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Accepting of differences.

Seeing people of color, gay people, etc., around and involved in the community.

Immigrant families are friends with the established community. Participate in area churches, welcomed into homes, are seen in the community.

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